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With the announcement of the resignation of the Irish prime minister, Charles Haughey, following a vote of 'no confidence' in the Dail on Thursday, it looks once more like a general election could be imminent, unless, of course, he manages to rally some support from other parties. It all augers bad for the country and in turn for the new radio plans, which are almost in tatters. It really does seem a shame that what had looked so promising twelve months ago, now looks grim, to say the least. Let's hope they can sort themselves out soon.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: With increased activity everywhere, problems with space are occurring more regularly and whilst we don't wish to make WR just a log of stations reported, we do wish to include all stations noted. As a result, this week's issue is missing two paid adverts which will appear next week. Also missing is the new (seemingly very popular) short wave report. This is not likely to appear, but copies will be mailed, free of charge, to anyone requesting same. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

NEW MERCHANDISE: Please let us know at once if you would like a copy of 'Independent Radio' by Mike Baron. We have chance of quite a number of these books in absolute mint condition, but are only going to ship across what we have orders for. The price is £7 and 21 days delivery is needed in this case..... The third week of our special T-shirt offer and sales are excellent. At 3 shirts for £10 who can wonder? Order now for delivery by return, as the offer ends soon (and probably the good weather too!)..... from Offshore Echo's France, published today, "Laser 558 and Hot Hits" - The Communicator Photobook. A glossy covered A4 book packed with black and white photos detailing the history of the ship / stations. Stocks of the book will be held in France, so 21 days will have to be allowed for delivery. The price is £8.99, inc. post and packing..... From CM, "Caroline 25th Birthday Souvenir" booklet. Published on 7th June, the booklet contains 64 x A5 pages and 34 photos. The idea has been to tell the story of the actual 25th anniversary weekend rather than to labour on the history of Radio Caroline. The story is told in the form of 4 chapters looking at the way in which the idea of the celebration came together, the plans behind the scenes, the actual event itself and the aftermath of the Silver Jubilee. There is also a section looking at the history of the Ross Revenge and giving details of the ship's dimensions. The price is £2 and stocks will be held here in Blackpool, ensuring return of post delivery.

NEW ARRIVALS: Just one from last Saturday, Radiotelex, issue 153. 8 x A5 pages this time, packed with pirate short wave logs and news covering the past two weeks, and all in English. Worth checking out, contact RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... Play-DX, issue 554 with 6 x A4 pages of MF & HF long distance logs plus international news. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... lots arrived Friday.... Horizon, issue 18 with 12 x A5 pages of offshore news and features, along with a tribute to the late 'Mighty Joe Young'. The price is 50p plus an SAE, from 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ..... The Caroline Movement Bulletin, issue 36b, the more regular, slimmer (20 x A5 pages), up to date offshore report from CM. Subscription details available from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY..... Now Radio, issue 115, with 24 x A5

pages of current radio news, gossip and useful information and addresses. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.... Activity Magazine, issue 15 with 16 x A5 pages of short wave pirate news, pictures and features. Details from 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... Marine Broadcasting News, issue 15 with in excess of 20 x A4 single sides of news, nostalgia, pictures, logs, cuttings and a quiz. They hope to go 'A5' next issue, but for now this one costs £1.30 (U.K.) or £1.70 (elsewhere) from P.O. Box 963, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6ED. Phew! and that's it! Plenty of reading for us this week. Good job the weather's too bad to go out!

TAPE OFFER: For those of you who wondered what happened to Tape SP 37, this week, we have the answer..... Laser 558 from 4th July 1985. This recording is 90 minutes in length and features some of the celebrations on board the m.v. Communicator for American Independence Day. This particular section is from the evening and the on-air jockette is Liz West, although other 'guest' jocks are heard, as well as live commentary from the barbecue on 'Splinter Beach'. The cost, as always, is £2, inclusive of postage and packing.

CONTACTS: Anyone who collects jingle packages of stations here in the U.K., Ireland or America, or any jingles at all, please contact Roger Noble, 48 Heath Rise, Cadbury Heath, Warmley, Bristol BS15 5DD.

WANTED: Some jingles featuring Energy / N.R.G. 102 or 103. Contact Neil, c/o 9 Redhill Manor, Upper Malone Road, Belfast 10, Northern Ireland.

FOR SALE: Saisho SW 5000 Radio Receiver. 9 pre-sets, full coverage in FM stereo, digital and manual tuning... £65, including mains adaptor...Tel: (0902) 771789 (Peter).

FOR SALE: Atlantic 252 is coming, so put a penny in the old man's hat! 5 colour photos of the completed mast, taken the morning after 'topping out'. Our price £3, contact Mohawk (Grianghraif), 4 Chancery Place, Dublin 7, Eire.

WANTED: A recording of Freedom FM (Midlands) from Sunday 25th June, between 11:15 and 12:15. Contact Doug, 64 Brighton Road, Leicester LE5 0HA.

NOTICE: CM Thanet are holding their annual Bar - B.- Q on Saturday 5th August in the same venue as last year. Tickets will be £1 to include food, but please bring your own drinks. Details from CM Thanet address (see above or by ringing (0843) 821112

AVAILABLE: Reggae / house deejay from London (ex Kiss FM) available to work on a similar pirate station in the north. Ring (061) 835 2348 and ask for Martin, for more details.

NOTICE: A card from Podney R. Sixe on holiday asks us to pass on his regards to all his free radio friends everywhere.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Dublin: Radio Dublin was missing last Sunday, at least on 1188, although both 100.00MHz. and 6910kHz. were operating normally. A late 'Captain's News' was noted on this day, in which station owner, Eamon Cooke, said he was missing the previous week, due to 'other more important things taking precedence'. He went on to mention this week and said he did not know why the medium wave transmitter was off the air, as he had only just arrived at the station. He did not think it was anything major and expected to have it back on air very shortly. It duly returned within minutes following his broadcast. He went on to talk about the current radio situation amongst other things and commented on a lengthy letter received from a keen listener, Ken Baird, in Scotland. Ken apparently sent Eamon some information

on the European radio court case he had been seeking. Regarding the current Dublin situation, Eamon explained what was going on and briefly we print it for the benefit of 'outside interested parties'..... The Commission awarded franchises in Dublin, to Radio 2000 and Capital, but before contracts could be signed, Robbie Robinson of Sunshine Radio challenged the decision on the grounds of conflicting interests (Fred O'Donovan, one of the committee, is alleged to have had interests in Radio 2000). He lost the court case, but has since appealed to the Supreme Court. The Commission were unsure what to do, for had they signed contracts, Robbie would have taken out injunctions against both would-be stations. After much deliberation, they abandoned Radio 2000 (the one directly involved) and proceeded with a new contract for Capital, which included a clause saying that if Robbie won the case, the contracts would be null and void and everyone would go back to square one and start again (putting in applications, etc.). Robbie now has no say with this latter arrangement and Capital can go ahead (they already have test tones on the air - see later). If he loses his court case, everything will continue, if he wins, then it will all have to be scrapped. In the meantime, the other party (Radio 2000 group), are seething and making threatening noises about suing Robbie, saying they have already lost hundreds of thousands of pounds by the start-up delay. Numerous pieces have appeared in the newspapers and will subsequently feature in the cuttings sheets.

A date for the Radio Dublin court case is expected to be announced this week, following a preliminary court hearing.

On Tuesday morning Radio Dublin left the air a number of times early on. According to the D.J., work was going on installing new equipment and it was said that the end result would please us all. Digital audio was mentioned. On Wednesday, the station introduced a new format at 08:00 of 'low tempo and easy listening music'.

Premier 212 was noted signing on at their usual 15:00, on 1413kHz., on Sunday, but modulation was very low. This did improve however and a programme schedule until 18:00 was noted. FM was mentioned by the D.J.

KFM was active on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, with Dave Felton, Gerry Marsden and Christine Adams. Adverts from the Park Shopping Centre in Prussia Street were noted and the station closed at 21:00 on Saturday announcing the same schedule for this week.

Co. Louth: Magic 103 (103.25 - formerly Zee 103) was noted again this weekend in good quality (thanks to the good FM conditions). The station appears at this point in time, to have adopted a weekends only schedule, similar to 'Summertime Sound', who, incidentally we failed to note this week, so are unsure if they were actually on air.

Co. Monaghan: Radio Star Country (981) can be heard all day every day (into the night-time too!) as they continue to draw the advertisers and listeners to the station dedicated entirely to Irish and American country music.

Co. Donegal: Three stations now operate from the 'north west territories', and probably in the next few days, all three will be 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. **Northside Radio** (846 and 98.0MHz.) has been heard since quite early in the year, although (unlike Star Country) they did take a break for a short period whilst the situation was assessed no doubt. They have since been joined by the return of 'super pirate' **WABC** (101.7), whose powerful FM transmissions get into the west coast of the U.K. We understand the ERP of their FM transmitter is now 40 KW. The third station, **Riverside 101**, can be heard on 101.1MHz. locally (Londonderry, Limavady, Strabane, Letterkenny area). They presently operate from 23:00 to 07:00 nightly but as of next week, hope to go 24 hours. Disc jockeys include Frankie McLaughlin and Paschal. Programme format is mainly easy listening/middle of the road.

Co. Galway: Apparently free radio is alive and well in Galway city. **W.P.L.J. Power 95** is a no-talk, all music station operating mobile from various hill sites from outside the city. No details of format or schedule are at hand, but having spoken recently to other Galway colleagues, we believe the broadcasting times may be rather limited. Another operator has been heard ('the other night') calling himself **Radio Veronica** and playing all oldies.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

576kHz. We do not normally mention any signals heard unless we can verify the fact, however there have been several reports of tests being heard on 576kHz. over the

past two weekends. The most recent report tells us that between 11:00 and 11:50 on Saturday morning (24th), a test tone was heard. This was monitored in the Rotherham area, but the signal was definitely coming from the south. The signal strength was S4, compared to the German station underneath, not reading anything when the carrier / tone left the air. Rumours have it that a rear mast has been erected on the m.v. Communicator and that this was possibly the source of these low power signals. However a recent eyewitness reports that although studio equipment has now been installed, no masts were up. As we always say, believe it when you hear it!

m.v. Nannell: We are still receiving reports that the ship is in the North Sea, not far from the Communicator, but isn't it strange that no one has seen it?

The Voice of Peace: According to a report on Media Network, a listener in India has picked up the ninth harmonic of 1539kHz. ($9 \times 1539 = 13,851\text{kHz}$)! Quite often reports of the second harmonic ($2 \times 1539 = 3078$) being picked up, are received.

Our friends Gali and Vered tell us that on Tuesday (13th June) a promo was aired seeking a deckhand for the ship. It was John McDonald's turn for shore leave on Friday (16th) and he was replaced by Ofer Nachshon. The line-up on Monday (19th) read.... 00:00 Rikki Marks, 03:00 Dave Lee, 06:00 Kenny Page, 09:00 Rikki Marks, 11:00 Ofer Nachshon, 14:00 Kenny Page, 15:00 Richard West, 17:00 Kenny Page, 18:00 Dave Lee, 19:30 Ofer Nachshon, 21:00 Richard West. Further staff were being sought on Tuesday (20th) when a promo asked for a secretary. Friday (23rd) saw John McDonald return once more, this time replacing Rikki Marks and Dave Lee, the latter leaving the station for good, after five months.

The most recent line-up (Sunday 25th) reads.... 00:00 John McDonald, 03:00 Richard West, 06:00 Kenny Page, 09:00 John McDonald, 11:00 Ofer Nachshon, 15:00 Kenny Page, 18:00 Ofer Nachshon, 21:00 Richard West.

'Essential maintenance' takes place, usually about once per week and involving an oil change for the generator. The station leaves the air for about 10 / 15 minutes for this purpose.

Caroline 558: We left the line-up last Thursday (22nd) at... 01:00 Neil Gates... 03:00 Chris Adams... 05:00 Dave Richards... 09:00 Nigel Harris... 13:00 Neil Gates... 17:00 Rob Harrison... 21:00 Chris Adams. There were a few problems between 05:04 and 05:17 when water was getting on the insulator, and caused tripping, however everything was OK after this. Friday saw the same line-up, up until 21:00 when Chris hosted until 23:00, and then Dave Fisher arrived to present one of his rare shows until 01:00 Saturday. Chris returned at 01:00 and went through until 05:00, when Ian Mack began the first of his shows on this stint. Ian had been on the ship for several days, but up until this time had only read the news. Aerial maintenance continued last weekend, along with painting work, no doubt the good weather permitted both jobs to progress favourably. Many references were made to staff going up and down poles, the noises during the period the microphone was open, and in one case a comment was heard to the effect that 'there were more wires and bits of aerial on deck, than on mainland Britain'. The station went off the air at 11:40 on Monday morning during the Nigel Harris programme, and did not return on 02:00 on Tuesday, with Neil Gates. The 558 signal was down a little the following day, but returned to normal by 18:00 on Wednesday. The revised line-up for Wednesday and Thursday was... 01:00 Neil Gates... 03:00 Chris Adams... 05:00 Dave Richards... 09:00 Nigel Harris... 13:00 Neil Gates... 17:00 Rob Harrison... 21:00 Chris Adams. The Navy paid them a visit at 17:20 on Thursday, and were duly dedicated a record.

One listener reported that, like the early days on 963, there has developed an audio fault on 558, where one channel of the stereo is missing. This is only noticeable when records with high stereo separation are played. Typical would be the Beatles records, where voices and instrumentals are on separate channels, meaning that only one or the other comes out over the air. Perhaps this could be looked into to.

Caroline 819: This service continues each evening with Dave Richards and Rob Harrison hosting from around 22:00 each evening. Dave made his first appearance on this rock service at 01:00 Thursday morning (22nd). Neil Gates made a one off appearance at 01:30 on Monday morning, as

Dave Richards was apparently too tired.

World Mission Radio: The DX programme has now returned and is giving out two addresses. For European listeners the new address is P.O. Box 141, 3900 Venendaal, Holland

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: Lots of activity was noted in this area over the past weekend and only Radio Merseywaves surprised us by their non-appearance. Heard Saturday and Sunday were.... **Radio Atlantis** (1197), **Toxteth Community Radio** (TCR - 104.9), **Kiss FM** (97.10) and **North Coast Radio** (1350).

The latter was noted signing off at 18:05 on Saturday, following an announcement that none of the D.J.'s had turned up to take over. The Sunday schedule was read out and the station left the air, returning on Sunday morning sometime between 09:00 and 10:00. They were also heard as far away as Rotherham, in South Yorkshire.

With good FM conditions prevalent over the weekend, three unidentified operators were also heard broadcasting from the area. On Saturday, 104.85 yielded music including 'The Jams Song' at around 16:45, when the transmitter cut off. Sunday 15:10 saw further music (Dire Straits) being played on 99.2. This continued until late in the evening. A caller from the area said it was **Mercury FM**. 105.8 was then active at 23:25, but was very weak. All three remained unidentified with us. The same caller reported that **CD-FM** had been heard one evening the previous week, on 97.7.

Monday saw the return to three main operators, TCR, RA and Kiss, who were noted on each subsequent day thereafter. However, Thursday evening saw RA missing for reasons not known and Friday morning TCR were not on air by late morning, although RA were on air as normal again, quite early too!

Manchester: Superb FM conditions allowed 'Winter Hill' to be overcome and we received **Unity FM** (104.85) on Saturday last (24th) here in Blackpool. We were delighted but were not able to receive any others who were active..... **IBC** (104.3), Saturday and Sunday, although disappeared suddenly on Sunday night, **WBLS** (102.4 / 102.5), in the week, **Laser** (103.5), seven days and **Superfresh** (98.15 / 908.3), Wednesday and Sunday.

Cheshire: **Outlook 963** was active on Sunday evening last on 96.3, with a reportedly excellent signal. Religious output was noted as usual. No reports indicate the midlands one is active again yet. The operator is still seeking a Glasgow outlet. Anyone interested may like to contact us.

Nottingham: **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.15) had been operating a full schedule recently, up until Tuesday, when they went off the air mid-morning. Predictably, they had a transmitter taken by the DTI. The station hoped to return on Friday morning, but were in fact on the air by midnight on Wednesday / Thursday. A loop tape was being played, and was still being broadcast on Thursday morning.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire: In Leeds, both **Rapid FM** (105.3) and **W.Y.B.C.** (105.65) had operated daily, and were both monitored here in Blackpool last Saturday during 'lift' conditions. In Bradford we understand that there has been some power increases lately, with both Asian stations now operating at 150 watts. These are **Asian Community Radio** (94.6) and **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5). These, as well as **Paradise City Radio** (104.95 - 130 watts) have been operating daily this past week.

In South Yorkshire **Sheffield Community Radio**, who now operate every day, appear to be having trouble, with a possible slow burn up of their transmitter. It is gradually getting more distorted daily, as well as reducing in power all the time. At the same time, the bandspread has increased and now covers 104.8 to 105.5. This has been one of the reasons for **Rebel Radio**, (who returned to the air last week), changing frequency to 104.8MHz. Rebel was heard on both Sunday morning, and Wednesday night with un-announced tests. **Radio Britannia** (99.2-stereo) made its regular Tuesday evening broadcast on 27th June, commencing at about 19:15. The signal is getting out well and recent letters have been received from as far apart as Cheshire and Lincolnshire.

North Midlands Radio made a broadcast on a new channel of 104.9MHz over the weekend, but due to this part of the band being cramped, is possibly about to move down to around 98MHz. Unfortunately, another station called **Pulsar 98** had the same idea, and was heard for a short time on Saturday night between 19:15 and 19:30. The deejay was Tony Ricochet, who said that the station would be on the air at various times in the coming weeks.

Finally, an unidentified station was heard on both Wednesday (21st) and Thursday (22nd) evening. The signal was weak,

and on one occasion a concert was being broadcast.

Leicester: **Power Community Radio** was heard again last Sunday (25th) with test transmissions around 101MHz. Irish music and some reggae was noted, from a D.J. called John Bull, with requests for people in a certain area (possibly near the studios).

Birmingham / The Midlands: A new 'Laser' station was noted on Sunday (25th) in the area.... **Laser FM** on 99.10. The early morning programme on this new West Indian station was hosted by Chicken George (formerly with PCRL and Supreme FM). Studio contact number was (0836) 348575 and the 24 hour adminstartion number (021) 766 7724. The station had vanished by 16:43.... **Base Station FM** (106.00) noted Wednesday (21st), Friday (23rd) and Sunday (25th).... **Big Time Radio** (104.30), each day from Tuesday (20th) to Sunday (25th).... **Birmingham Weekend Radio** (105.90), just for a short period on Friday (23rd).... **Centre Radio** was heard with test broadcasts on 99.25 on Saturday and Sunday last. Contact address was 35a Broad Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 9LR.... **Freedom FM**, daily afternoon and evening programmes on 102.00 / 102.15.... **KNR Radio**, again daily, around 101.40/101.60 with a contact number of (021) 500 5273.... **Metro FM**, daily broadcasts on 104.90, in stereo.... **Power House Radio** has been broadcasting almost daily, still on reduced hours, but was not heard on Tuesday (20th). The frequency continues to be around 105.25.... **Sabotage FM**, again last weekend on 107.20. Mailing address... 36 Wallace Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B69 1HH..Tel: (0860) 843992.... **Radio Sangam** (89.83), the Asian station, last weekend again, but had disappeared by about midday.... **Skyline Radio** from Wolverhampton, evenings in the week and all day at weekend, on 94.20.... **WKS** was only heard on odd nights, on 102.30.... **Radio WR (Wrekin Radio)** had its last Sunday of the month broadcast on 98.00 (also on short wave).... **Radio Milen** (105.6), noted most evenings.... **Perry Barr Radio** (?) on about 101.5 heard several evenings.... **Rise FM**, heard in West Bromwich on 22nd, on 104.3.... **Fresh FM** (95.00) heard intermittantly Finally a couple of unidentifieds... 97.90 (Sunday afternoon last) and an Asian on several occasions on a frequency between 105.50 and 105.90.

Bristol: Two reports from Terry, dated 19th and 26th June.... With activity rather thin on the ground, the arrival of 'Purple' this week made at least a little improvement. Operating nightly, the station wanders around 88.0 / 89.0 playing soft metal music, not adequately catered for by fellow free radio broadcasters. **Savage Yet Tender Radio** (104.4) continues to transmit every Sunday, although on reduced hours due to D.J. apathy.

The second report tells us that Purple failed to develop as indicated and despite an alternative schedule of Friday evening only, failed to appear at all and left listeners wondering if that was it. **SYT Radio** however were fortunate to pump out a good city-wide signal for their transmissions on 25th and although a slight hum was detectable on their audio, the signal strength and sound quality more than compensated for this.

BELFAST: **Belfast Pirate Radio** was noted locally on 95.6 last Saturday (24th), in the early evening for about four hours. Live programming and a history of the American station, Z 104, was heard.

LONDON SURVEY - 12th - 19th June 1989:

Despite this survey being posted first class in the capital on Wednesday 21st, it was Saturday 24th before we received it!

For FM DX-ers, this weekend could not have been better, as the high pressure across the south brought in continental stations, which at times were in danger of drowning out the local home brew variant. Some of the stations affected included RJR, Lazer, Medina, Peoples and WIBS. Puzzled listeners looking of rthe return of WEST LONDON RADIO (now referred to as Waltzing London Radio by industry wags) on any of the recent slots they have used on Friday night, would have ended up totally mystified by the results. On 101.90 was a tape loop of continuous big band swing music, whilst on 102.10 there was indeed a mix of reggae and sould music coming out in perfect stereo. The only incongruity was that all the somewhat lengthy links were in Dutch or Flemish! Yes, the high pressure skip was in with a vengeance and virtually any normally quiet spot on the dial was crowded out with continentals. The resulting high temperatures may have had something to do with ther growing number of unstable transmitters this last week. Amongst those infected were Future Radio Tropical, Greek C.R. and WIBS.

The DoTI Men appear to have been out enjoying the sun again this week as a number of stations disappeared and returned. Monday saw Twilight and Crystal off whilst Wednesday and Thursday saw Rock to Rock (90.15), CRN (90.70) and City Radio (94.50) all go out for the rest of the week. WIBS also went out on Monday, but this was believed to be technical problems. WLR went out Wednesday or Thursday, but were back with a stable transmitter (at last) on Saturday afternoon. SUNRISE (88.70) turned up on Tuesday after a break of a week and FRESH returned from a short break on Monday 12th, to 103.25 before decamping to 98.30 a couple of days later. STAR RADIO (92.95) made a surprise return and SWITCH, who had been holding down that slot for a few days, had to quickly re-tune to 92.65, again! Meanwhile weekenders, Obsession, believed to have fallen to the DoTI Man's sword last weekend, Rock FM, Q 102 and Veronica were all no shows, but a dead carrier was heard at various times over the weekend on 96.2 where Radio Jennifer should have been.

At RADIO FREE LONDON (92.02) on Saturday, a caller with the unlikely name of 'Gums' threw the station superno, Nigel Grant, completely off his normal unflappable self, just after the start of his metal mayhem three hour extravaganza. In the middle of the call, Gums suddenly invited him to say hello to his children. A stunned silence followed from the non-plussed Nigel. Gums then continued in full flow, describing the dirty deeds of Naughty Nigel. This was followed up when a neighbour came on the line, claiming to be another of Nigel's discarded amours, who mothered two more of his children. Embarrassed, not so much by the supposed revelations of his private life, but more by the non-stop hysterical laughter of midnight to three man, Kenny Myers, Nigel struggled manfully to regain control of the conversation. But this was not to be and Gums signed off by reminding Negligent Nigel not to be late for dinner. All good clean fun for a Saturday night. Earlier there had been problems getting RFL off the ground and most, if not all, of the Arnold Brainbender hour was lost due to the technical difficulties experienced with the transmitter. Unspecified difficulties have kept Rock FM off the air for a second Sunday in a row, but assurances have been given that they will be back to normal for Sunday 25th June.

LIGHTNING's (90.90) busy Commander 'B', the double award winning reggae jock, who's Sunday evening 'Six of the Best' show, along with his ego, grows in size every week, is expanding his business interests. From his record shop in Brixton's Granville Arcade he is not only one of the leading record retailers, but has recently branched out into record production and distribution as well. First release on the BP label is a collection of oldies as a tribute to the late master mixer, King Tubby. The reggae Squadron Leader has been curbing his on-air activities of late and has dropped his daily evening drive time show in favour of the Sunday evening 'Six of the Best' and the Monday evening Chart Show.

At various times over the last year, usually in the early hours of Sunday morning, an unidentified station has been coming up on 105.60 - ish with a good quality stereo signal to the south of the river, putting out a mix of top 40 and oldies. Until now no voice overs have been heard but that all changed on Monday morning when speech was heard for the first time. Unfortunately it was so drowned in digital echo that it was virtually impossible to decode what was said. Anyhow, from between the reverberations, they may be calling themselves RLI, RMI or even RNI. The theory is that it is someone who has a transmitter in his bedroom who, when he's drunk enough, fires it up and lets rip for an hour or two.

The early hours and the 98 sector again proved productive this week. Following the test tape loops from Magic FM (98.20) on Sunday 11th June, the following day found what was presumed to be 'new' Hits / Cityside, or its successors, taking to the air with the old format of a two hour Top 40 tape loop. They were even running some of the same, or similar, ads. for phone services. They were only heard for a few hours in the early morning with a block busting signal, then nothing. Within a couple of days the slot became inaccessible to them as FRESH FM have abandoned the perfectly usable 103.30 slot to adventure down to the messy area of 98. The number of stations clamouring for space in this sector has been growing lately. The recent return and expansion of STAGE FM (98.00) and the arrival of FRESH will make the fitting in of part timers like W. London's GREEN

APPLE (98.35) who became unreadable after the Fresh arrival, doubtful. On the other hand Saturday rockers LONDON ROCK (98.40) were back with a full session after missing the previous week for reasons unknown.

TROPICAL RADIO (105.05 - 105.25 st.) finally made it back after an absence of more than three weeks, with a thumping great stereo signal which could be heard all over town on 105.25. Within 24 hours they were off air again, only to return within a few hours with a much lower power signal back on their more usual 105.05. It also seems possible that they have abandoned the attack infested lowlands of S.E. London for the fresh air of the heights of Harlesdon, in an effort to get more even coverage across town.

Heard this week were..... CENTRE FORCE - 88.20, SUNRISE - 88.70, . RJR - 89.95, RTR - 90.15, SUPREME 90.45, LIGHTNING - 90.90, TWILIGHT - 91.79, SWITCH 92.65, STAR - 92.95, STARPOINT - 93.25 st., LAZER 94.00 st., CLASSIC C.R. - 94.30, CITY 94.50, REFLECTIONS - 96.95, STAGE - 98.00, FRESH 103.35/98.20, GREEN APPLE - 98.35, LONDON ROCK 98.40 - Big Bands - 101.90, WLR - 102.00, MEDINA- 102.30, WIBS - 102.40/55, SLR - 102.75, PEOPLES - 103.65, GREEK C.R. - 104.45, TROPICAL - 105.05, STOMP-105.35, RNI(?) - 105.60 and FUTURE - 105.65/80. A low of just 29 stations, with only 2 in stereo.

Additionally, two further reports are at hand. One from a logger in Hyde Park on 21st agrees with above list and managed to log the greater majority of them. He did list BZEEZE FM on 103.65, however.

The second from a logger near Southend, tells us he can hear the stronger or more local (to him) London operators and adds INNER CITY RADIO (ICR) on 105.65 st. This Essex based operator can be heard each Sunday and Wednesday evening and occasionally on Saturday evenings too.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Amendments to last week's Sunday log (18th) from Radiotelex.... Our sole 'unidentified' on 6282, as expected, turned out to be Canzoni Radio. Modulation and antenna problems appear to be two of the reasons hardly anyone in the U.K. ever hears it. Rainbow Radio Germany was logged on the continent from 08:09 to 10:20gmt, on 6314. Radio Marabu were heard on 7440 at 09:17. The 7480 mystery name turned out to be Radio Charline (well, Radiotelex say it is, so we will call it that from now on!).

Log for Saturday 24th June 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:58gmt.
6273kHz...TNR - FM, at 14:02gmt(S)
6275kHz...W.F.R.L., at 11:34gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:25gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 06:33gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO FREEDOM INT., at 10:02gmt(R)

'WMR Goes DX' was noted today, although the transmitter had gone off by lunchtime.

Log for Sunday 25th June 1989:

6200kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 09:17gmt(G)(M)(N)(R)
6203kHz...UNID., at 11:25gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 04:50gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 23:00gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA, at 08:20gmt(M)(R)
6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:59gmt(S)(G)(M)(N)(R)
6265kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 10:07gmt(S)(G)(M)(N)(R)
6273kHz...TNR FM / N.I. S/W SERVICE, at 08:23gmt(G)(M)(R)
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:18gmt(S)(G)(M)(N)(R)
6308kHz...RADIO ELECTRA INT., at 11:48gmt(R)
6319kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:15gmt(S)(M)(R)
6319kHz...STAR INTERNATIONAL, at 08:28gmt(S)(G)(M)(R)
6319kHz...W.L.R., at 11:07gmt(M)(N)
6574kHz...UNID.(Music), at 10:19gmt(N)
6815kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:03(S)(G)(M)(N)(R)
6815kHz...RADIO W.R., at 13:55gmt.
6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:23gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 05:12gmt(S)(G)(M)(N)(R)
7302kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 09:05gmt.
7310kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 08:10gmt(S)(M)(N)(R)
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 06:58gmt(M)
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:18gmt(R)
7441kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 06:57 & 10:41gmt(G)(M)(R)
7441kHz...RADIO STARLINE, at 08:55gmt(G)
7441kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09:35gmt(G)(M)(R)
7441kHz...RADIO LIMIT INT., at 11:12gmt(G)
7490kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 11:58gmt.
25990kHz...RADIO ORION, at 15:42gmt(M)

The Conditions today were very good.

***** **The WEEKLY** **REPORT** **A N O R A K S** **The First with the News in Print** *****

No. 269.....8th July 1989.....P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.....Tel: (0253) 882017.

WEEKLY REPORT: According to the newspapers of Tuesday 4th July, we can expect an increase in our postal charges from sometime in October. Without this, we were already concerned about increases in the cost of paper, labels, envelopes and printing, some of which have been quite excessive. As a result of this latest news, we shall have no alternative but to increase the cost of mailing out WR by 5p all round, sometime between now and October. We shall once again endeavour to include extra pages on the odd occasion, something we have had to abandon at this moment in time. We have no objection to anyone 'topping up' their subscriptions between now and then, at the old prices, in fact think it is definitely worth considering. We are apparently not alone in Britain, with increasing costs, France is experiencing a similar problem and copies of Offshore Echo's from issue 77 (the next one) will increase from £2 to £2.20.

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NEW ARRIVALS: Only two in this section this week... **Play-DX**, issue 555 for 26th June contains the usual six A4 sides of long distance HF and MF logs, solar activity report and international news from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....**Now Radio**, issue 116 with 20 x A5 pages of radio news from the legal side. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

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RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Atlantic 252: Following our report of the 'topping out' of the mast recently, colleague, Peter in Dublin (possibly in excess of twenty miles away?) got out his binoculars and was able to see it from his house, due west. He says it looks very impressive through the binoculars but is rather more difficult to see with just the naked eye. He noted, even at that distance, four very bright white floodlights

on it, flashing on and off every second and softer red lights, revolving, at intervals. The lights were switched off on Tuesday 18th and the reason why can be seen in the accompanying cuttings sheet. We suggest DX-ers should now include 252kHz. in their daily bandscans and we would appreciate hearing of any results.

Co. Dublin: Radio Dublin's 'Captains' News' was heard on Sunday, just after two o'clock. Eamon had little news for us and mentioned the Government (or lack of one!) and his short wave outlet on 6911kHz., saying it was not as strong as it used to be, although they had received numerous reception reports from afar. The new easy listening format got a mention. He said it had been a gamble and he regretted losing a number of presenters. He was most concerned about an article in the newspapers saying that advertisers could face prosecution if they went ahead and advertised with a pirate station. This is most definitely not so. No one can be prosecuted for advertising on any Irish or English land-based station. (The offshore stations present a different story however).

On Monday the easy listening format seemed distinctly different with a number of easy listening rock tunes noted. The format does tend to vary from presenter to presenter, but overall is very pleasant to listen to.

Co. Louth: Magic 103 (103.25) was not heard until Sunday, but a caller said they were on the air with lower power earlier. Better FM conditions (and possibly higher power?) brought the station audible all day Sunday. By Monday the reception was excellent, due to the high barometric pressure over the country and we were surprised to hear them as we thought they operated only at weekends. Tuesday drew a blank, so possibly Monday is included in their weekend schedule. The same caller mentioned that **Summertime Sounds** was active on 1152 and 98.5 over the weekend. Again we failed to hear them due to low power and co-channel operators.

Further calls received suggested that more operators may be about to take to the air or make a return. We await such developments.

Co. Donegal: Northside Radio (846 and 98.0), WABC (101.7) and Riverside 101, all active again, we understand (we cannot hear the latter in Blackpool).

Co. Monaghan: Just Radio Star Country (981) in this county, with their 24 hour a day country music.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

On Sunday 9th July, it will be one year since Radio 558 (the Dutch service) opened at 08:00 from the Ross Revenge.

m.v. Nannell: 'Where's the Nannell?' everyone is asking. Reader John Squire says that according to Lloyd's List dated 17th June, the ship left Santander on 10th June bound for Yeu Island. A quick look at the map and we find the 'Isle d'Yeu just a few miles offshore, in the Bay of Biscay, south west of Nantes in France. It surely did not go there as a result of losing it's mast (which rumour has it, it did!), because Yeu was stated as its destination before it set off. So, is it there? Who can tell us? This isn't the biggest mystery though, apparently the ship left Santander with a new name.... "m.v. Mi Amigo (Radio Ship)" !!!! It must be the same ship!

Caroline 558: Very little happening on the Ross this week, and indeed, the line-up has been the steadiest for some

time. Thursday 30th June saw a line-up of... 01:00 Neil Gates... 03:00 Chris Adams... 05:00 Dave Richards... 09:00 Nigel Harris... 13:00 Neil Gates... 17:00 Rob Harrison... 21:00 Chris Adams. There were no additions to the schedule over the weekend, and Monday saw the same weekday line-up as above. This carried on throughout the week. Although the weather has been hot, the seas have varied and Wednesday saw the deejays announcing that they were battenning down the hatches for heavy rain and an expected storm.

For those who sent donations to the RNLI, and who are wondering what has happened to the promised Top 1000 list, everything is in hand. There was an unexpected mass of requests, and the pile of letters is slowly being gone through. Please be patient.

m.v. Communicator: Rather pointless having this heading this week, as we have no news whatsoever. Even the phantom 'test tones' have not been heard!

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: Going back to last Friday first and **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9) were duly noted around lunch-time, despite a certain uneasiness which made us think that the DTI were around (they weren't as it happened). **Radio Atlantis** (1197) and **Kiss FM** (97.1) were both active early and **North Coast Radio** (1350) were heard the previous night (testing?), although we forgot to mention it last week.

On Saturday morning, **Kiss FM** went stereo, although non-stop music programmes continued despite presented shows being hinted at from this day. Apparently these are now to due to start from 8th July. **NCR** was noted, but the audio cut off at 13:20 mid-record, leaving a blank carrier. We did not hear the station again that day.

Sunday saw **Atlantis**, **TCR**, **Kiss** and **NCR** active, all from quite early in the day. No other operators were noted by us, but lack of logging time again, didn't exactly help.

Monday and the remainder of the week saw the usual three operators active with normal schedules.... **TCR**, **RA** and **Kiss**.

Mike from Southport writes and confirms that he too heard **Kiss** go stereo on Saturday. Like us, he agrees the signal is very strong. In fact, listening to the station here in the week, we had to agree that it was extremely pleasant audio and some of the best we have heard from a pirate in ages. We now look forward to 'Phase 2', when weekend D.J.'s start to appear. The station has now been operating 18 hours a day (7:00 till 01:00) since 18th June. On Tuesday 4th July at around 13:15, Mike tells us that he heard a carrier on 1242kHz. This was a test from **Radio Merseywaves**. Further tests were carried out on Wednesday and audio was noted by us, in the evening. Further programmes were promised for 18:00 Thursday, but we failed to hear them (thunderstorm interference was severe at the time), however the station was active as early as 07:45 on Friday morning, with a superb signal and non-stop music. Nightly programmes from 18:00, with all day Saturday and Sunday schedules are expected to follow shortly.

Mercury FM were heard locally on 99.2, Wednesday afternoon, along with an unidentified station on 105.7.

Manchester: We once again logged the weekend station **Unity FM** (104.85) here in Blackpool on Saturday and from reports in, understand that **IBC** (104.8) was active on Sunday (2nd), commencing transmissions in the early afternoon on 104.3 with a weak signal, moving up the band later and becoming very strong in power. **Lazer** (103.55) have had to take a short break due to having to remove their aerial in order for structural repairs to be carried out to the building. **WBLS** (102.45) are heard irregularly, as are **Superfresh** (98.2), although the latter does air every weekend. An unidentified mystery now... something on 92.1 which sounds like a mains hum, then an electronic voice which says 'DDC Radio' over and over again, has been heard in the region. Apparently this has been heard elsewhere on previous occasions.

Cheshire: **Outlook 963** (96.3) was heard all over the place, including here in Blackpool, on Sunday evening last. The usual religious output was noted.

Nottingham: **Heatwave Community Radio** has been on 105.05MHz. since their most recent raid, and are reported to be putting out their best ever signal. 24 hour programming is in operation.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire: In Bradford, **Paradise City Radio** had a court case on Monday 3rd July, but at time of writing we are unsure of the outcome. It seems strange however, that since then, the output from the station has been a little irregular, with the station often only being

heard in the evening. This could be due to a change in location however, one of which took place at 13:00 on Wednesday. The station remains on 104.9MHz. As far as we are aware, both other stations have been on as normal, **Asian Community Radio** (94.6) and **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5). Both Leeds stations **Rapid FM** (105.3) and **W.Y.B.C.** (105.7) have operated daily, with the former now identifying as 'the big 10-53'. In South Yorkshire, **Sheffield Community Radio** seem to have got over their tx problems, but had an up and down weekend. Friday (30th) saw them on 105.25, disappearing at 17:10. They were back at 19:00, and programmed all day, but with a poor signal, which disappeared at 20:00. There was nothing heard again until 17:00 on Sunday, when **SCR** returned on 105.25 with an improved signal, and mentioning essential maintenance had been carried out. By Monday 3rd July they were down on 105.0, with a 50Hz. hum, and at midnight the deejay announced that he could be taken off at any minute by the engineers. On Tuesday they had gone down to 104.95, which later settled on 104.9MHz. **Radio Britannia** (99.2-stereo) was the only other station on in the area, with **Kenny Crescendo** hosting one of his popular heavy music programmes between 19:00 and 21:00 on Tuesday 4th July. The unidentified station on 97.95 was noted again on Saturday night, but still did not announce. We believe this to be a test transmission for **Nemesis 98** and they were active on Monday evening last. Full programmes are expected to resume shortly. **North Midlands Radio** were heard on 2nd for a short period. **Richard Graham** and **Steve ST. John** were noted on air. No frequency was mentioned unfortunately.

Birmingham and the Midlands area: Active in the area recently, we have reported.... **Laser** (on 92.00 last weekend, but previously reported on 99.00), **WR** (97.9 - Sundays), **Freedom FM** (102.00 - daily), **WKS** (102.3 - Wednesday evening 28th), **Powerhouse Radio** (105.25 - daily), **Radio Milen** (105.6), **Metro** (104.9 - daily), **Sabotage Radio 107** (107.2 - last weekend), **Rise FM** (104.3), **Fresh FM** (95.0), **Sangam Radio** (89.9), **Skyline Radio** (94.2 - daily), **Unidentified Asian** (possibly **Radio Midland** - 105.8), **Base Station FM** (106.0), **Big Time Radio** (104.35), **Centre Radio** (99.25), **KNR Radio** (101.5/8 - weekdays only, plus numerous unidentified signals on various frequencies.

Worcester: On 28th June, 'WR 10-60' were heard on 106.0MHz. from 21:25 onwards with quite good reception. They mentioned 'the other WR' and the fact that they used **GWR** jingles. A disco was mentioned for Saturday from where they hoped to broadcast live.

Stoke: 'Laser 98 FM' has recently returned to the airwaves on 97.70, stereo. They were heard on Monday and Tuesday evenings last week.

Newcastle upon Tyne: **STS** (94.6) made their now weekly appearance since their re-emergence a few weeks ago. It appears as though their outings are now restricted to Sunday evenings only, unlike previously when they were on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Sunday's transmissions were from 19:00 until midnight with the following line-up.... 19:00 'Brother T', 21:00 'Fat Riley', 23:00 DJ Baz.

Programmes continue to be live and this is only evident when someone is late for their show, like DJ Baz, this week! The station is plugging a forthcoming **STS** party on Monday (10th) at Walker's Nightclub in the city centre.

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LONDON SURVEY - 19th - 25th June 1989.

The 98 sector has again proved to be the most volatile part of the dial this week. West London's GREEN APPLE, who were unable to finish last week's session when FRESH moved home and squashed them flat on 98.2, made the sensible move and went to 98.4. This week they were back with a better signal than has been heard before. Imagine the frustration then, when a day later they found CITY SIDE sitting on top of them. CITY SIDE, whose policy seems to be one of confusion, has been putting out test tapes under various guises for a week or two now, and lost their first TX within a matter of hours of restarting. It was just their luck that they returned on the same weekend as the DoTI Men resumed their activity of climbing tall buildings and taking things away. This week they started tests on 98.2, just ten days after Fresh had also moved into the same slot. This was a dumb move as Fresh totally swamped them, as they had earlier swamped Green Apple. Reception of City Side was patchy to say the least, under these conditions and Fresh suffered as well. Sunday saw City Side move up to 98.4. With Green Apple being a much lower level signal, they were again totally swamped and have not really been heard other than in their local area since. City Side have been putting out what seems to be the same tape of top forty hits as last week, but slipped in there was a 'live' tape from ex Raiders / Magic madman, D.J. Howard, whose certifiable lunacy was lost in the early Saturday morning crush from Fresh. There seems a certain irony in the fact that Howard was doing a CD show on cassette tape! City Side were known to have moved their base of operations from Shepherd's Bush to the opposite end of town as far back as January, when increasing losses of transmitters, not only to the boys from Waterloo House, gave rise to a lot of concern. "No sooner than we put a new transmitter up, than the buggers have them away again" was the reported comment of one City Sider. The move to the East End didn't do much to stem the losses and at one time the project was believed to have been abandoned, although the engineering has remained substantially in place since they fell silent back in February. The re-emergence of the top forty tape loopers will mean that they are the only 7 day / 24 hour pop music operator amongst a sea of black music stations. The fact that the top forty these days is predominantly black music orientated is another matter, but despite the limited format, they are an ideal way of dipping into the charts for the odd 15 or 20 minutes.

Still in the same sector and LONDON ROCK (98.50) faced up to reality when Green Apple up-rated its signal and re-tuned to the next slot up and actually had a clearer sound. Not only has London Rock been having problems in communicating out, but their internal communication has not been working very efficiently of late. The mailing address which is situated 55 miles away in Brighton has not been very quick off the mark when forwarding listeners letters, which has caused apologies for late dedications to be given out and promises of an examination of this method of contact. A faster way of contact is the 'phone, but LR's contact number has a habit of being out in Cambridgeshire, which can make lengthy calls rather expensive.

Apart from London Rock, the only other rock music heard this week was from Q 102 (101.70 st.) over Friday and Saturday. The other half of the slot sharing partnership, Veronica 102, failed to make an appearance, but have been keeping a purposefully low profile over the last week or two for discretionary reasons. They plan to return in full power glorious stereo on Sunday (2nd). ROCK FM (92.05) also missed this weekend, having taken a short break for much the same reasons. RADIO FREE LONDON (92.05 Saturdays) are believed to have made valiant efforts to bring the Arnold Brainbender show to the air, but were ultimately unsuccessful.

Rock and Roll purists will be pleased (or maybe horrified) when they hear that a version of Barry Mann's 'Who Put The Bomp...' is currently one of LIGHTNING RADIO's (90.90) Power Plays this week. However, they may be somewhat dismayed to learn that it is not the aforementioned MR Mann whose version is delighting the airwaves at the moment, but that of Joe Mannix. Dismay may turn to uncontrolled shuddering when they find that the title has been changed slightly to 'Who's That Man' and is now in Dance Hall Rub-a-Dub style. The change of style actually makes it unintentionally hilarious.

Lightning's East London relation CRN (90.70), who were missing for the entire previous week, suddenly came to life in the early hours of Monday 19th June with a fine stereo signal. Unfortunately, they didn't last too long and had gone by Thursday. CITY RADIO (94.50) also chose Monday to return after their bust of the previous week. On the other hand, CRYSTAL (92.35) who were also missing that week, didn't make a comeback until Saturday 24th June. They too suffered from technical problems when the transmitter failed them on Sunday night. TWILIGHT (91.70) made a brief return on Tuesday but were soon missing again. Also going missing were Switch (92.65) on Monday and FUTURE (105.70 - ish) on Tuesday, both of whom were not heard for the rest of the week. In the meantime, both WIBS (102.40) and SLR (102.85) finally managed to get their technical problems sorted out after their transmitter bust of two weeks back. TROPICAL (105.05 / 25 st.) who had returned to the air the previous Saturday with a block busting stereo signal, soon hit problems. They were wandering around the sector and losing power for a day or two before giving up the ghost and going off. In their place, believed to be from the deep South East of London, was RUSH (105.20) who were heard daytimes only for the first time on Friday and each day since. Rush have totally unexpectedly turned out to be a new soul and reggae station.

Heard this week... CENTRE FORCE - 88.25, SUNRISE - 88.70, RJR - 89.95, SUPREME - 90.45, CRN - 90.70 st., LIGHTNING - 90.90, TWILIGHT - 91.70, CRYSTAL - 92.35, SWITCH - 92.65, STAR - 92.95, STARPOINT - 93.20 st., LAZER - 94.05 st., CLASSIC C.R. - 94.30, CITY RADIO - 94.50, REFLECTIONS - 96.95, STAGE - 98.00, FRESH - 98.20, CITY SIDE - 98.20 / 40, GREEN APPLE - 98.40, LONDON ROCK - 98.50, WEST LONDON RADIO - 102.00, MEDINA - 102.20 st., WIBS - 102.40, SLR - 102.85, PEOPLES - 103.65, GREEK C.R. - 104.45, TROPICAL - 105.10, RUSH - 105.20, STOMP FM - 105.35 and FUTURE - 105.65 / 80. A total of 31 stations with five showing some stereo tendencies.

We apologise for the continued lateness of the London Survey, which is purely due to the dreadful postal service.

LATE NEWS....Atlantic 252.

A call just in from David in Ireland tells us the latest developments.... The transmitters are now fully tuned but as yet there have been no transmissions as the link is not completed at the ATU end. The actual transmission lines are, however, complete. Tests are expected in about three weeks time. The transmitters have been fully checked over and the wiring inside the buildings is now being checked similarly. Lack of mains water has necessitated the digging of a 100 foot deep well, the water from which must go through purifiers. Leaks in this system are currently being cured. The earthing system is expected to be complete in about a week's time. 30 kms. of wire is being used, 127 wires, spaced at just under 3° apart, buried 1 foot under the ground run out from the mast.

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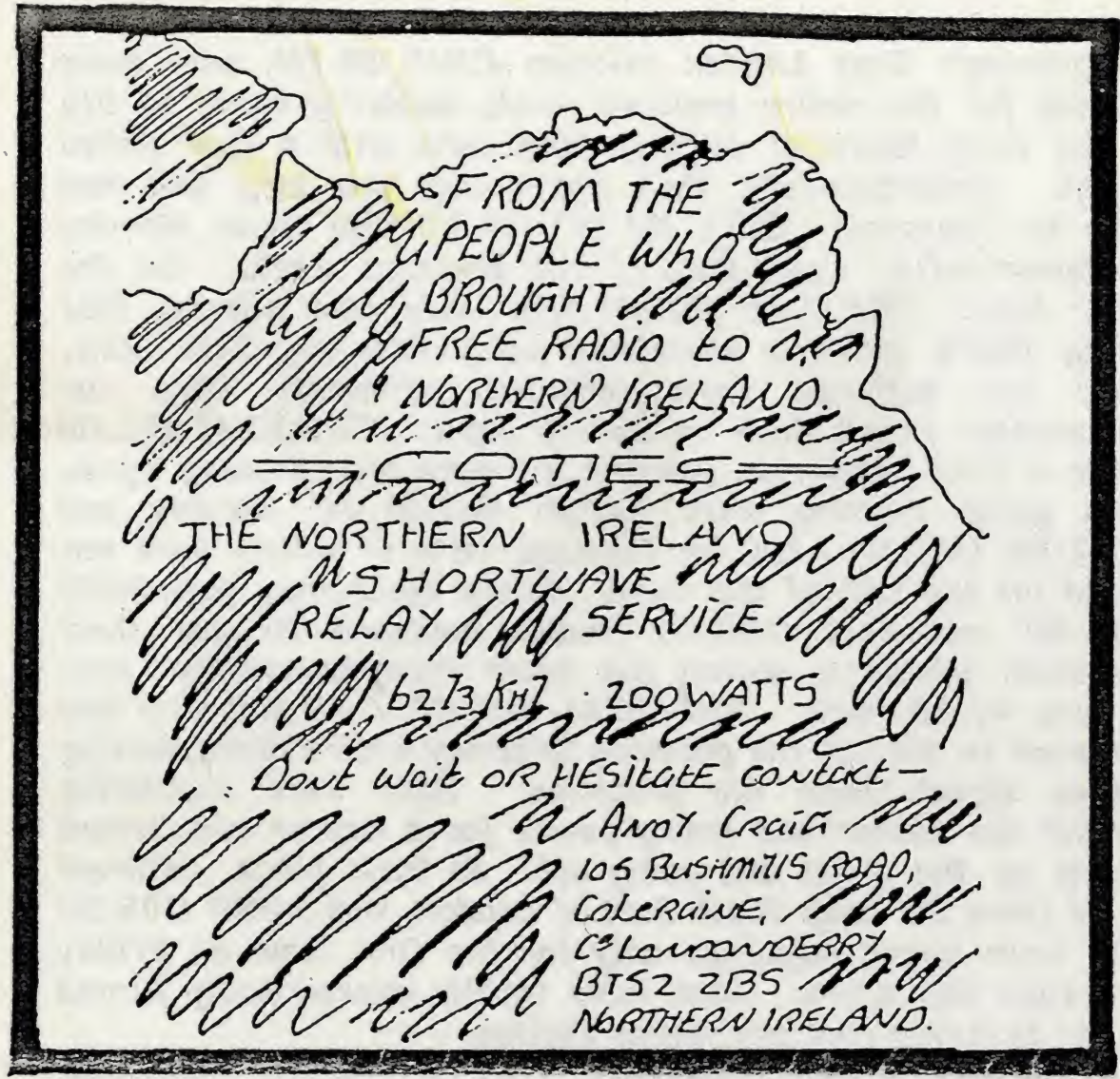
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SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Apologies for the rather brief SW section last week, as we said, the rest of the SW report was printed but there was just no room to fit it in. Anyone who would like a copy of this, or would like copies should the same thing happen in the future, just let us know and we will make a note of your name and include the extra SW piece in your envelope. There will be no charge, of course.

At long last, the answer to the 6282 station, from Mark in Middlesex..... "Radio California have just verified my reception report of early May with a QSL card, letter and stickers, in 38 days. They said it was the first reception report from the U.K! (this doesn't surprise us - Ed!) In the letter they said they operate with 25 watts into a dipole aerial, from S.W. Germany. They have four crystals for various 48mb frequencies, of which 6282 was the clearest channel. They also said their next transmission would be mid-June, which it duly was. The usual Wuppertal address is operative".

Log for Saturday 1st July 1989:

- 6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 09:12gmt.
 - 6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:55gmt.
 - 6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:43gmt.
- *****

Log for Sunday 2nd July 1989:

- 6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 00:44gmt.
- 6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 08:04gmt.
- 6215kHz...RADIO 819, at 22:40gmt(N)
- 6225kHz...RADIO ORANG UTAN, at 12:35gmt(G)(C)(M)
- 6230kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA INT., at 08:11gmt(M)
- 6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09:26gmt(G)(C)(M)(S)
- 6236kHz...RADIO KARIBU, at 09:36gmt(K)
- 6240kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:07gmt(N)(G)(C)(M)(S)
- 6250kHz...RADIO FREEDOM INT., at 12:23gmt(C)(M)
- 6273kHz...TNR - FM, at 07:45gmt(G)(C)(M)
- 6276kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:04gmt(G)(C)(M)(K)
- 6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 13:18gmt(N)(G)(C)(M)(S)(K)
- 6317kHz...'R - FM 92', at 08:55gmt(N)(G)(C)(M)(S)(K)
- 6319kHz...STAR INTERNATIONAL, at 08:22gmt(G)(C)(M)(S)
- 6815kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:01(N)(G)(C)(M)(S)(K)
- 6815kHz...RADIO ORION, at 06:48gmt(M)
- 6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:52gmt(G)(C)(M)(S)(K)
- 7361kHz...RADIO WAHNSINN, at 08:44gmt(G)(M)
- 7441kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:19gmt.
- 7441kHz...RADIO LIMIT INT., at 08:39gmt(C)
- 7441kHz...RADIO GA GA, at 11:40gmt(K).
- 7490kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:15gmt(C)(G)
- 25990kz...RADIO ORION, at 11:50gmt(M)

The Conditions today were good once again here, although early on little was audible at all, apart from 6273. Once the conditions came up, no problems were encountered (apart from rather unexpectedly reduced listening time) and the signals remained loud and clear right through until late afternoon. Few fades were noted and these were only brief and shallow again. No station remained unidentified with us. Heterodynes were back this week, around 6275 and 6318.

The Logs in BOLD are ours from two locations in Blackpool. Others have been kindly submitted from loggers in different parts of the country and are marked accordingly..... Dave in Norwich (N), Pete in Gloucester (G), David in Cheshire (C), Neal in the midlands (M), Stuart in Staffs. (S) and Chris in Kent.

The Signals were very good mid-morning, but early on were almost non-existent. There was no trace of the usual early operators at all (7374, 6875, 7440, 6319 and 6911) and it was not even ascertained if 7374, 6319 and 6875 were active at all at that time). The best today... 6230, 6240, 6299, 6317, 6815 and 7441, but all the others had their moments. The worst was 6236 and even this was quite audible at times. An unknown operator obliterated the 6.2 section of the band for some time, around 09:19gmt.(!?). 7361 suffered from a heterodyne caused by the close proximity of an adjacent (probably legal) user of the band.

The Programmes: 'WMR Goes DX' appeared again, on both days. The operator, Tom de Wit, asked for news and information for future shows to be sent to the Dutch address, of which a little confusion over the spelling of the town, has arisen. Our map spells it Venendaal, Tom spells it Veenendaal. Comments from Dutch readers?

Southsea was once again noted, followed by Jolly Roger, whose host was Richard Grahame. Both emanated from the same transmitter, we believe. We were under the impression that BRI also came from this transmitter and indicated this in last week's limited distribution additional SW sheet. However, this is apparently not so, but we feel there is a some co-operation between the two operators, as when one ceases transmission, the other comes on air.

Karibu was a bit weak but several definite I.D.s were noted. Only one other logger heard them (in Kent) and he only managed to determine that they were German. We believe the mailing address to be as follows (although did not hear it read out)... Postfach 103771, 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany.

WMR featured live telephone calls in an interesting show, which Jack Russell ought to attempt to put out more often. He later QSO'ed with others and one he spoke to was operating with only 1 watt and evenso the signal was quite acceptable!

WFRL suffered an accompanying heterodyne yet again, caused by TNR, this time. Narrow band option on the set, of course, eliminated the problem.

Radio Orion said they were short of presenters and the tapes might well be heard more than once.

Despite being so close together, both RFM and Star were quite clearly audible. RFM's programmes seemed to be a relay of their London FM service. Album rock music was noted and a contact number of (01) 455 2266 was read out. The station was noted early and all day until quite late on, when the shack was vacated.

Star had us baffled. Strange warbled I'D's were heard and it was very difficult to make out what they were on about at all. Later in the morning, some sort of documentary or science fiction programme was heard and we weren't even certain whether it was still Star or another operator.

RECC had their regular full DX programme, which was, as usual, excellent and thorough.

The whistle on 7360 made it rather unpleasant to listen to, although it was no problem identifying it as Wahnsinn, eventually (after coming up with Bandon, Vandon, Warmzen).

Waves was noted initially on 7441, then we heard an I.D. for "Sounds from the Bush" with Tom Clay, then Limit, who announced that they had been missing recently due to the holidays of the operator of Waves, who managed to break his leg (the Luxembourg relay station) and the fact that Tommy Holt, Limit operator, was in the German army. Our Kent logger heard an I.D. for Radio Ga Ga later.

All in all, another good day yet again, with quite a choice of interesting programmes. Lots of tapes were made for playing later and subsequently enjoyed. Neal West comes up with a good point, he says..... 'One criticism of many stations is that they do not identify clearly or often enough when you consider that they are broadcasting on short wave and trying to overcome all the inherent problems of short wave transmissions'. We agree here and must add that the foreign speaking ones, eager to obtain reports from the U.K., are even more guilty, by speaking fast in their own tongue (and accent). The occasional phonetic spelling in these cases would not go amiss!

Sincere thanks to all correspondents and callers, yet again, without whom WR would be far less comprehensive.

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its 23 x A4 sheets, including short wave, offshore, Ireland
and European action. Totally in the German language,
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mostly in the English language and featuring long distance
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6 x A4 sheets. Details, Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8,
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x A5 sides of pirate SW logs and station news. Details from
RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West
Germany.... <<FRS * GOES * DX>>, issue 84 from FRS
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of offshore, short wave and other news including features
on 270, Manx and much more. A sample copy for 3 x IRC's
or 70p from FRSH, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart,
Netherlands.

TAPE OFFERS: As promised several weeks ago, we return
to the United States for a series of recent radio recordings.
For our first two, we visit Charleston, South Carolina and
take a listen to both the AM and FM outlet of WXTC. Tape
248 features WXTC-AM, which has an all 50's and 60's oldies
format. The station also appears to be 'automated', with
just adverts, jingles and news interspersed between the music.
This recording is excellent quality and is 60 minutes in length.
We switch to the FM service for Tape 250. WXTC-FM has
a 'light rock & pop' format, and your host on this 90 minute
stereo excerpt is John Quincy. Both recordings this week
were made on 19th April 1989. Cost as always is £2 per
cassette, which includes postage and packing.

WANTED: Recording of Caroline 558 between 16:00 and

17:00 on Wednesday 28th June 1989, with Neil Gates. Contact
Doug at 64 Brighton Road, Leicester LE5 0HA.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....EIRE:

Co. Dublin: According to 'Captain's News' on Sunday, we
understand Radio Dublin is making some improvements to
its broadcast equipment, following some audio problems
the previous week. Eamon had little news for us, but made
a few comments on Governmental issues. He wondered
if there may be a new Communications Minister with the
assembly of the various members to form a new Government.
No love is obviously lost between the present (last) minister,
Ray Burke, and the pirate stations. The station was strangely
absent from short wave on Sunday, although we believe
the carrier was evident. On Monday morning, medium wave
was missing too, which concerned us greatly, but we were
relieved mid morning to hear the station on 100.00MHz.
with what appeared to be normal programmes, although
FM conditions were not good and this prevented us staying
with them for long. A great increase in the number of
adverts airing has been noted and this augers well for funds,
desperately needed for the up coming court case some time
later this year (date not yet agreed upon). The station was
still absent on both 1188 and 6910 on Tuesday, but had been
active in the night, with varying signal levels suggesting
transmitter problems. Just the 1188 transmitter was heard
with audio, the 6910 was believed to be in carrier mode
only. The last we heard of 1188 was at 07:15. 100.00FM
continued as normal. On Wednesday, we noticed that the
SW outlet was alive with audio again and around teatime,
we were delighted to have 1188 back too. A few comments
were made by Mike Wilson, apologising for the rather lengthy
break and mentioning technical problems. Reception reports
were once more asked for and the rather pleasant 'easy
listening' format continued. Current line-up reads.... 02:00
Chris Adams, 08:00 Dave Smith, 11:00 Bob Gass Show,
11:10 Alan Hunter, 14:00 Trevor Lennard, 16:00 Bernard
Evans, 20:00 Mike Wilson, 22:00 Paul Coady, 23:30 Tony
Jackson (station manager).

Elsewhere in the city now and Premier 212 was missing
for a second Sunday afternoon (the noisy band did not help
though). We believe they may have been active locally
on 104.2, as they were the previous Sunday (although on
this day commenced transmissions on the rather high 107.35).
Listening to a recording of the station (off FM on 2nd July),
kindly made by a colleague in Dublin, we learn that the
medium wave outlet will be inactive for a few weeks. We
did not ascertain the reasons for this. Also continuing to
be reported locally is K-FM, with programmes as mentioned
previously, on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

Co. Louth: The weekend action continues from the borders
with **Summertime Sound** (1152 and 98.5), according to
correspondent Rodney. They usually air with live
programmes, Friday until Sunday evening, closing at 19:00
each evening. Additionally, **Magic 103** appear, usually
Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but we failed to actually
note them last weekend due to less good conditions. A
lot of audio problems have been noted, along with absent
staff, resulting in tapes being played.

Co. Monaghan: **Radio Star Country** (981), what else can
you say.... successful, 24 hours a day, totally country and
Irish and all in all a super station. If this one ever has to

close down it will rate as the crime of the century and a great loss to all its great many listeners and to country music in Ireland generally!

Co. Donegal: As you were, in this county, with WABC (101.7) and Northside Radio (846 and 98.0) noted daily. WABC's transmitter left the air at 21:41 on Tuesday evening, mid record, but on checking next morning everything appeared normal again.

Finally, on a more general note, the test tone on 104.4 continues to be heard and we understand audio may be introduced by Capital Radio (the legal one with the fragile licence) very shortly. An on air date as early as 08:00 on 20th July has been mentioned for this station, although the national one, Century, now say it looks like being September at least, before they manage to get on air. Atlantic 252 are still on course and minor legal battles (over the aerial mast) don't seem to be causing much concern with them. Tests are still planned for late this month or early August depending on how well work progresses. Contracts with presenters are being finalised and we understand the station may even start officially earlier than the planned date. National Radio 2 (the RTE music channel) has been heard playing a jingle recently, indicating that they are Ireland's number one! (quite an easy position to attain, when the only competition is a few pockets of pirate activity!). Apparently someone over there took them to task on this the other morning, in a call aired live. We only heard snippets but the caller shared our views about choice and freedom on the air.

LATE NEWS: Radio Dublin was off 1188 again when we awoke Friday. They did appear to be having RF feedback problems on Thursday. The SW service audio has been of very good quality since the return on Wednesday.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

Stuart in Staffs. tells us that it was five years ago last Wednesday since Radio Caroline started test transmissions on 594kHz., in the night.

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Caroline 558: A big staff change noted last weekend with some regulars returning along with at least one new name. At one stage, we believe that as many as 14 deejays were on the ship, but many departed with a returning tender. Steve Conway was amongst the party and he even read the Sunday lunchtime news bulletin. We believe he will be heard again, possibly with his final promised broadcast, this Saturday, along with Steve Masters, each on a specially taped one hour show to be aired between 21:00 and 23:00. The departure of so many jocks left the presentation side of things a bit thin to say the least and once again, a member of the Dutch team had to step in to fill the gap. The weekday line-up looks like this..... 05:00 Rob Harrison, 09:00 Colin Peters, 13:00 Chris Adams, 17:00 Andy Parker (with Rob Harrison on the extra features), 21:00 Max Buchanan, 01:00 Closedown till 05:00, although having printed that, music was heard, with an un-named D.J., in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Regarding the new towers, one of the party reported to us that the rear one is now almost as high as the front one and at the stage where the current aerial array will have to come down (the reason for this is the fact that the new tower is being built inside the old rear one). Further sections of mast are lying on the decks at the front and at the rear suggesting further height is yet to be attained. Gigantic cross trees accompany the spare sections. Painting work on the ship, recently much commented on over the airwaves, has now been completed and the ship externally sports a brand new coat of red paint above the waterline, with the side rails in black and cream. We understand the ship has

been painted inside as well. More than one reporter commented on how very smart the ship now looked.

The seas have been calm on a number of days and on Wednesday, the on air D.J. mentioned that Rob Harrison was swimming around the ship.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: Going back to where we left things last Friday (7th), the scene was certainly active with Radio Merseywaves (1242) back with a vengeance. Non-stop music had been heard all day, much of it old material, reminiscent of the famous Burt Williams' 'Rhonda Juke Box' (old Liverpool station) days. However, at 17:00, programming commenced with a John Lewis, followed at 19:00 by Dave Collins. The signal was very strong indeed, with very clean audio. They have some splendid advertising hand-bills available (A4 size) in various colours, an SAE to the mailing address will ensure you a copy. RMW, 126 Curlew Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SS.

North Coast Radio (1350) joined the fray around teatime, again with a good signal and some good disco music. They announced themselves as Liverpool's most powerful pirate station, but RMW held that crown, at least in this area.

Toxteth Community Radio (104.9) were listened to at length on Friday afternoon, and again, a great selection of music was noted, including the Doors and one tune in particular, which the D.J. insisted was called 'Toxteth (Texas) Radio and the Big Beat'. The station now has some car stickers and pens available. Listeners are asked to send a postal order for £1.50 to TCR, 58 Picton Road, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 4LH.

Kiss FM suddenly vanished at 17:17 on Friday, after what appeared to be problems with the tapes they were playing. The station was not heard again by us, on this day, but was alive and kicking early Saturday morning, still with non-stop music and promos. Word from the station told us that the DTI were around (checking the locations?) on Friday afternoon, but very heavy rain kept them confined to their cars (aah!). Kiss took the precaution of switching off, but returned later in the evening. On Monday morning, with more time to concentrate on FM, we noticed the stereo light had gone out and the signal was fading, suggesting different transmitter, location, or both, no doubt a wise precautionary measure.

Radio Atlantis (1197), although noted all weekend, were silent on Monday morning and we hoped this too was a precautionary measure. The station was not heard here for the remainder of the day, but returned as usual on Tuesday morning, with no mention of their absence (we heard nothing!). Obviously the DTI are lurking and further moves are expected. TCR (104.9) though were operating normally at this time.

NCR (1350) had a full weekend schedule, including their Sunday morning popular country show, but **RMW** (1242) were obviously suffering from lack of staff and late starts were the order of the day, although by late afternoon each day, all five were noted playing away. NCR aired again on Monday evening, just after 18:00, but RMW wisely hung fire just in case the boys representing authority were still around 'taking notes'. Both appeared however, on Tuesday evening, but NCR left the air early, which we think was due to staff shortages. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, neither were noted at all. **Radio Victory** (104.35) was noted on Wednesday night around 23:00 and had been heard the previous Sunday with just continuous music. **CD - FM** (99.2) appeared on the odd night on 97.7 and 105.5 and **Mercury FM** (99.2) most afternoons and evenings, but for only short periods. **Concept Radio** (97.7) were active Sunday (9th) with a test transmission and an announced address of Jim Lowe, 18 Glynne St., Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. **W.F.M.** (105.5) were noted the same day, about 21:00 / 23:00 and again the following day, also **Radio Leasowe** (104.4) on Wednesday (12th) at 23:30 with an address here of 32 McKenzie Road, Leasowe, Wirral, Merseyside L46 1RS.

Following a tip off, Saturday afternoon saw further activity on 104.8, with a cracking signal in stereo here. The direction of our antenna and strength of signal suggested an operator north of Liverpool and after noting a lot of jingles and 'jingle songs', several identifications were made. **Sunshine Radio** 105 Southport 'with pop and rock in FM stereo'. The time was noted as 15:40 but at 16:02 the transmitter left the air and nothing further was heard.

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: In the **Paradise City Radio** (104.9 st.) court case of Monday 3rd July, one female deejay was fined £100 and one male deejay, £300. The station has operated as normal, 24 hours per day, ever

since. Across in Leeds, **Rapid FM** (105.3) and **W.Y.B.C.** (105.7) have both operated daily. The latter has been heard with the following promo..... 'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, if you don't listen to WYBC, your radio will turn to rust!' **Sheffield Community Radio** have now stabilised on 104.9 and have operated every day, but at the weekend did not do the usual 24 hour schedule. **Rebel Radio** made a one off broadcast on 105.4 on Friday night 7th July. South Yorkshire regular, **Radio Britannia** (99.2) made some tests on Sunday evening using a loop tape. Tests were being made on the stereo encoder. An extended regular Tuesday night broadcast was made as usual on 11th July. Finally in this area, the unidentified station (Classic?) was monitored on 97.95 once again on Sunday 9th July and we understand that **North Midlands Radio** (104.95) was heard in the Derbyshire area on the same evening with a slightly weaker signal than normal.

Nottingham: After yet another good run, the DTI turned up earlier than usual at 09:10 on Monday 10th July. They apparently were escorted by police this time, but as normal on recent raids, only the transmitter was taken. They hoped to return at 18:00 on Thursday 13th.

Bristol: Our reporter, Terry, in the area tells us that there has been little action up to 3rd July (date of last report), in fact only a blank carrier on 88.1 (known to belong to the station, 'Purple') has resulted in one case and audio noted, on 104.4, both on Sunday 2nd, identifying as **Savage Yet Tender Radio**, Bristol's other free radio station. The signal on the latter was again good.

The Midlands: A report from the man on the spot, Neal West.... **Freedom FM** has been noted daily on 102.10/102.18, as has **KNR Radio**, although the latter was missing on Saturday (8th). Their drifting transmitter has meant they could be found anywhere between 101.30 and 101.80. On Tuesday (4th) evening after close-down, mystery continuous music was heard, origins unknown. **Odyssey Radio** is a new station heard broadcasting for the first time on Friday evening (7th), on 106.10. They were subsequently heard the following two days on about the same frequency. The address was c/o 103 Lancaster House, Oldbury Road, Rowley Regis, Warley, West Midlands B65 8QE... Tel: (021) 559 2589. **Metro FM** (104.95), **Power House Radio** (105.25) and **Skyline Radio** (from Wolverhampton on 94.20) have all been heard daily. The Asian music station, **Radio Sangam** (89.90), was heard with a short test on the evening of 7th and proper programmes again on 8th and 9th. **Sabotage FM** (107.20) operated a similar schedule to the latter. The unidentified Asian station on 105.5 / 105.9 is causing a few queries. Despite plentiful identifications in English, it seems virtually impossible to establish what the station is called. Two names seem 'liklies' and they are Radio Milen and Radio Midland. Does anyone else in the area actually know the correct name, or have some correspondence from the station?

LONDON SURVEY - 26th June - 2nd July 1989.

We apologise for the continued lateness of these weekly London reports, this is due entirely to continued late delivered mail from the capital.

The messy saga on 98, gradually seems to be sorting itself out once City Side went off mid-week. **STAGE** (98.00) and **FRESH** (98.20), who are both 7 day-ers, were joined by W. London weekenders **GREEN APPLE** (98.35) and Saturday rockers **LONDON ROCK** (98.50). This Sunday they were also joined by occasional weekend soulsters '98.6' (98.70) who have much the same sort of style as **STARPOINT FM** (93.20 st.). In addition, in the early hours of the morning, a reggae tape has been heard faintly in central London. This is thought to be coming out of the depths of SE London/north Kent borders. Apart from the reggae tape, which actually caused no problems, all was well ordered on this sector for the weekend, which is more than can be said for the 'Rock Slot' down on the 92 sector. More or less continuously since LWR abandoned the sector in favour of seeking legality, the 92.05 slot has been occupied by Saturday rockers **RADIO FREE LONDON**. They were later joined by **ROCK-FM** on Sunday when they were driven out from their 94.3 slot by powerful Brixton Ghetto Blasters **CLASSIC C.R.** (94.30). Being a relatively clear slot, it is surprising that no one has tried to muscle in on this sector before now. But finally it had to happen and this Friday saw the rise of **CLIMAX FM** (92.05), whose output seems to be dedicated to an endless stream of Acid House (which all begs the question as to how anyone could want to spend the night in an aircraft hangar listening to Acid House in

the company of Sun writers). RFL who were expected up at their normal 6 pm opening time, failed to make the scene to do battle. By Sunday morning, Climax had come and gone. It is believed that they had the warning from RFL's Arnold Brainbender and they have now limped away from the 'Rock Slot', battered, but not beaten, and are expected to turn up again in a clearer slot elsewhere on the dial. It wasn't until the evening that further signs of life were noted in this area, when what was taken to be attempts by **ROCK FM** to get on the air were heard. Despite firing up the stereo transmitter for a short burst, all attempts at regular programming appear to have failed. This left rock music in the capable hands of rock weekenders **Q 102** (101.70 st.) and the cassette crusaders of **LONDON ROCK** (98.50). Indie rock fans could do well to hit on Lizzie Kristell (spelling uncertain, but pronunciation has the accent on the second syllable), whose 9 pm-ish show, 'The Subterranean Noise Adventure' is worth listening out for. Similarly worth keeping an ear open for are the Sixties Soul Revival, which managed to dig up some interesting Deep Soul and the following Jazz show, both to be found on Sundays '98.6', if they can only manage a steady schedule. London Rock had also made an unscheduled appearance on the previous Monday evening, when they were heard testing the new rig for several hours. **VERONICA GOLD 102** (101.75 st.) powered back on Sunday 2nd July, with a rock steady signal now unimpeded by the wanderings of WLR, who are now steady on 102.00. The Golden Wonders have come up with a new wrinkle of presentation, which entails playing every other track from the same year. When they first tried it a few weeks ago, it elicited a strong response to repeat the idea and is now becoming a firm favourite. How long before one of the AM Gold services picks up on the idea?

WEST LONDON RADIO's Sir Walter Riley had the difficult task-of interviewing visiting reggae star Chuck Turner, who was in town from the Big Apple for a few days with his producer and label owner, to promote his new single and album and do a few 'live' P.A.'s. Problem was, that few of Walt's questions elicited any more response than the near incomprehensible jargon of a stoned out Rasta. Now it is quite possible that Chuck was as shy and retiring as the brave Sir Walter tried to make out and it is possible that his nervousness at talking to the vast WLR audience was causing the words to get stuck in his throat thus making the meaningless Rasta phrases sound even more meaningless than they usually do, or it is possible that they were trying some social satire by trying to emulate those old Cheech and Chong tracks. It is also possible that the occasional loud sucking noises that could be heard in the background was someone trying to clear his sinuses, but the fact is that our Chuck had the greatest difficulty remembering which town he was in, let alone when his next album was due out, or even if it was yet made. Still, Walt, hiding his embarrassment behind enforced cheerfulness and working from an unseen crib sheet manfully managed to supply all the answers in true professional style.

LONDON ARAB (89.70) sneaked back quietly on Saturday 1st July having been away since the beginning of June. For once the transmitter doesn't sound as though its being forced through a meat grinder with all the compression pushed to the maximum, thus ensuring maximum distortion. They are presumably heading back for a 7 day format, which would make them the only 7 day ethnic around at the moment as **GREEK C.R.** (104.45) now seem to be restricted to the weekends. The comings and goings continued this week with Deptford's **ROCK TO ROCK** (90.20), who went missing around 14th June, making it back on Friday 29th June, at just about the time that E. London's **SUPREME RADIO** (90.45) went out with technical problems for a couple of days. Also returning from E. London on 27th June were **CRN** (90.70) who lost a stereo transmitter five days earlier. Of the stations whose output seems to be less reliable, **TROPICAL** (105.10) made a brief return on Saturday and Sunday and **FUTURE RADIO** (105.50) made a return mid-week on this much more viable slot. From the west side of town, **CRYSTAL** (92.35) re-emerged on Saturday, after their technical problems earlier in the week. Also experiencing problems were S.E. London's **TWILIGHT** who only managed one day over the weekend. Disappearing from the dial were **RUSH** (105.20) who have not been heard since Monday 26th June. Not heard at all for nearly two weeks are powerful W. Londoners **Switch** (92.65) and Essex funksters **Stomp FM** (105.35) were also missing for the weekend.

Whilst some stations have been experiencing technical problems, others have been expanding their horizons and have been playing around with stereo transmitters. Apart from Rock FM who dusted off their stereo for only a few minutes, in NW London the funky cold MEDINA (102.25) were in stereo for about four days, before dropping out mid-week. CITY RADIO (94.50) have long had stereo pretensions and finally made it back at the beginning of the week, joining near neighbours LAZER RADIO (94.00) who have rarely not been in stereo. Also nearby CRN (90.70) was in stereo a week or two back, but lost it on one of the DoTI Man purges.

A total of 36 stations heard, with 6 dropping into stereo. The line up was.... CENTRE FORCE (88.30), SUNRISE (88.70), LONDON ARAB (89.70), RJR (89.95), RTR (90.20), SUPREME (90.45), CRN (90.70), LIGHTNING (90.90), TWILIGHT (91.75), CLIMAX (92.05), ROCK FM (92.05 stereo, on test), CRYSTAL (92.35), STAR (93.00), STARPOINT (93.20 st.), LAZER (94.05 st.), CLASSIC C.R. (94.30), CITY RADIO (94.50), REFLECTIONS (96.95), STAGE (98.00), '98.6' (98.70), Reggae Tape (98.75), Q 102 (101.70 st.), VERONICA GOLD 102 (101.75 st.), WLR (102.00), MEDINA (102.25 st.), WBS (102.40), SLR (102.70), PEOPLES (103.65), GREEK C.R. (104.45), TROPICAL (105.10), RUSH (105.20) and FUTURE (105.50).

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

We have been asked by the operator of FRS Holland to explain the unusual delays apparently occurring with the despatch of orders. For some unknown reason the well known, long established and reliable mail drop at Dedemsvaart has become unreliable, not in that the mail does not arrive, in fact it does, it is just the great length of time it seems to be taking for the box operator to send it on. This has caused some upset and concern, not only to customers, but most of all to the operator, Peter Verbruggen, who receives letters of complaint (about delays), along with the actual orders! After some difficulty, he has established a new mail box and will announce this in the course of the next week or two. In the meantime, it may be as well to await this new address before writing or ordering, as sending to the old address will only mean more delays, which FRSH are not known for. Peter asks us to apologise on his behalf for all the inconvenience and assure everyone that they will get their orders eventually.

Amendments to last Sunday's (2nd) log from SSM in Surrey.... 6280...Unid., at 09:10gmt., 7441...4IFR, at 09:05gmt. and from Radiotelex.... 6235...Pogo 104, at 10:23gmt., 6275... Meteor (Finnish), at 10:15gmt., 6629...Gloria, at 11:42gmt. and 6874...Falcon, at 07:35gmt.

Log for Saturday 8th July 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:00gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:40gmt.
6229kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA INT., at 10:17gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:55gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:23gmt.
6317kHz...R-FM Short Wave, at 15:04gmt(M)
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 05:58gmt.

Log for Sunday 9th July 1989:

6200kHz...RADIO TORENVALK (QSO?), at 10:22gmt(C)
6203kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 10:05gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO ORANG UTAN, at 07:54(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)(S²)
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 05:30gmt.
6225kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 08:21gmt(G)(M)(R)
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 07:50gmt(G)(C)(M)(R)
6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:29(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)
6241kHz...RADIO TORENVALK, at 07:52(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)(S²)
6276kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:02gmt(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)(S²)
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:22gmt(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)(S²)
6305kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:42gmt(G)(S)(M)
6308kHz...RADIO CONFUSION, at 11:18gmt(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)
6630kHz...RADIO GLORIA INT., at 11:28gmt(C)
6820kHz...OZONE RADIO INT., at 10:26gmt(G)(S)(C)(M)(R)
6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:32gmt(M)
6911kHz...Carrier only, at 07:59gmt.
7360kHz...Unid?, at 08:06gmt.
7376kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 07:02gmt(M)
7376kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:46gmt(M)(R)
7376kHz...Cont. music, at 09:51gmt.
7491kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:06gmt(G)(C)(M)(R)(S²)
25990kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:04gmt(M)

The Conditions today were fair to good, the main problem here was a noisy band. The noise was evident on the medium frequencies and stretched right up to the 9MHz. region. There was little fading noted and nothing much in the way of heterodynes, however.

The Logs in BOLD type are ours from two locations here in Blackpool. Others were kindly submitted by loggers in other areas and are marked accordingly.... Pete in Gloucester (G), Stuart in Staffordshire (S), David in Cheshire (C), Neal in the midlands (M) and Ken in Rotherham (R).

The Signals were loud and clear and only the noisy band spoiled another superb day's listening. Strongest were 6206, 6241, 6299 and 6820, although all the others peaked at some time or other. Weakest here were 6305, 6875 and 7376. 6206 was so strong that at times it actually splattered the massive 6215! 6276 was, for once, minus the heterodynes of late (6273 failed to surface today), but suffered from quite low modulation levels. A station was not actually heard on 7360 but the same tone (as last week) heterodyne appeared once again, suggesting that something was active.

The Programmes: The Dutch operators cornered the 'below 6215' sector for some QSO-ing. Torenvalk appeared on 6200 after closing down on 6241. Tonair surfaced after Orang Utan closed and was heard calling CQ.

Orang Utan announced test transmissions again with just 20 watts of power (more like 200, knowing the Dutch!) and asked listeners to write in with reception reports. The usual problem of unclear station addresses cropped up and this will seriously affect the number of people who will bother to write. The correct address for reports is..... Postbus 114, 7040 AC s'Heerenberg, The Netherlands.

'WMR Goes DX' with Tom de Vit was heard via World Mission Radio.

Jolly Roger moved up band mid morning to allow BRI to have the 6230 slot. It's nice to see such co-operation between stations. More of it would not go amiss.

BRI announced an un-scheduled transmission today.

Torenvalk was almost as strong as his 'mate' Orang Utan, at times and he too mentioned 20 watts, also medium wave transmissions (somewhere or other). He was seeking reports and the correct address appears to be different from the one used previously. It is... Postbus 94, 7038 ZH, Zeddam, The Netherlands.

WFRL was weak because of low mod., but audible when QRM was at a minimum. Andy Walker mentioned his new WFRL magazine / news sheet and commented on the usual issues of the day. The 'Tender Trip' programme followed with Iain Johnston who gave us all the offshore news.

Orion mentioned the 25990 transmissions which they said were restricted to Sundays only. Reports were asked for. We failed to hear these transmissions (we did not expect any success, however).

Jolly Roger continued from where he left off on the lower frequency.

Confusion was not heard by us today, but our colleague in Cheshire said they had a poor microphone.

Gloria announced the 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh address, but upset a number of E.C. band operators when they appeared there with their programmes.

Ozone's music and accompanying voice gave the game away and it would not take any great expert to tell who it actually was. He announced test transmissions and said he may be on again soon.

Falcon had rock music early but vanished later. We heard no DX show, but only spent a brief time with them.

Dublin was absent on 6911, despite the carrier being noted during the whole logging period. SW was mentioned however, later in the day (on MW).

Waves and Luce were both heard early, but on later checks when we expected an empty channel, continuous music was noted, but no identification was heard.

CLCG heavily promoted their club magazine throughout their morning transmissions.

Quite a good day today, with a good selection to choose from. Only the noisy band spoilt it for us.

Our usual thanks to correspondents and callers at home and abroad for their continued assistance in compiling this edition of Weekly Report.

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Apologies this week for a rather haphazard edition. This is due to us losing the on screen facilities of our printer (a bit like having a television with no picture!). As a result, we are unable to correct any mistakes, or even to feed in new material, hence certain sections will differ from others, as they will have been directly typed in. We regret some sections will be missing altogether and others severely edited. The London Survey is re-printed in its original state. We hope to return to normal by the time of next week's issue.

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NEW MERCHANDISE: The book, 'Independent Radio' by
Mike Baron is now on order from the continent and we expect
supplies to arrive in a couple of weeks or so, customs
permitting. We have ordered extra copies and would
appreciate hearing from anyone who wishes to now purchase
one. The price for these mint condition items is £7.00.....
a second mention for 'The Caroline 25th Birthday Souvenir
Booklet from CM with 64 x A5 pages and 34 photos, telling
the story of the actual anniversary weekend revolving around
the Olau Britannia trip. The price in £2 and we have supplies
at hand.

NEW ARRIVALS: Just one from Last Saturday, **Now Radio**,
issue 117 with 24 x A5 pages of radio news, including the
latest episode in the 'Incremental Saga', along with all the
details, of course. P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants.
NN16 0NW..... **The Pirate Pages**, issue 5 from America is
a two page news-sheet covering pirate activity on the other
side. For further details, write, enclosing SAE, to 3007R
4th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, U.S.A..... From Italy,
the weekly **Play-DX**, issue 557, with 6 x A4 sides of long
distance logs and international news, along with 'solar activity
report'. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8,
Milano, Italy.

TAPE OFFERS: Well, we did it again last week, and missed
out another number. So we fill it in this time, and for Tape
249 travel to Los Angeles for the first in a series of 'breakfast
shows' from various U.S. stations. **KQLZ-FM** is the station
currently being run by Scott Shannon of Z-100 fame, and
under the name of 'pirate radio'. This recording features
two different shows from Scott himself, from 28th and 29th
June 1989. This station certainly has an interesting format
of rock music, and unusually little chat for a breakfast show,
although what there is, is entertaining. This is presumably
what Scott thinks 'pirate radio' should sound like. We eagerly
await recordings of the normal daytime shows, as this station
sounds just like our cup of tea. It's to Chicago for Tape
151, and a breakfast show from **WLUP-FM** ('The Loop') from
6th July 1989. More chat on this one than **WKQZ**, but still
a few entertaining sections on one of Chicago's rock stations.
Both tapes this week are 90 minutes in length and cost £2.00
each.

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RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Co. Dublin: Radio Dublin duly returned on 1188 on Saturday
morning, along with 100 FM and 6910, although the audio
left a lot to be desired. Station owner, 'Captain' Eamon
Cooke, in his Sunday afternoon 'station news' apologised
for this but added that they were working on it and he hoped
to have it sorted out quite soon. He said the SW was now
behaving quite well and the audio on this was good. He
had little other news to tell us but went on to mention the
forthcoming opening of 'Capital Radio' (the first legal station
outside RTE's control), the following Thursday (20th) and
the coverage it has received in the Evening Herald (we were
sent a copy of this).

Co. Monaghan: Poor old Radio Dublin got blotted out here,
on 100 FM last weekend, as a 'new' operator surfaced. 'FM
100' took to the air with a carrier on Saturday afternoon
on 100.00MHz., from this county. Audio was later introduced
and duly picked up loud and clear in Blackpool. The location
in Monaghan will cause no interference to Radio Dublin,
at all, we must point out. Only long distance loggers like
ourselves would be affected in this case. The station was
noted after the weekend with continuous music and it looks
like being a regular 7 dayer, rather than just a weekender.
Presented shows are expected to be heard within days and
medium wave transmissions are expected soon on 1116kHz.
In fact, we didn't have to wait long for the MW, Wednesday
morning. The signal was weak here and badly affected by
the 'local' legal user of the channel (Radio Derby). However,
it was distinguishable and ran in parallel with 100 FM.

For the first time since the end of 1988, **Radio Star Country**
(981) has a neighbour, although most certainly not competition,
due to their 100% country and Irish format.

Co. Louth: Magic 103 (103.25) were heard again over the
weekend, but with rather low power. We were unable to
hear **Summertime Sounds** but understand they were just
about audible locally, on 1152, on Friday. Very low
modulation levels were reported and on Saturday and Sunday
they failed to appear on MW at all and were only heard on
98.5 FM.

Co. Donegal: The usual three operators have been reported,
two of which we can hear virtually all the time. They are
WABC (101.7 and 98.3 locally) with a cracking signal and
a 'hot hits' type format, **Northside Radio** (846 and 98.0) with
a pop and country format, and **Riverside Radio** (100.9) who
are now reported to be on the air 24 hours per day. WABC
have been heard of late mentioning the 98.3 channel and
we understand that this low power outlet has been introduced
to cover a pocket of countryside not covered by 101.7.
Advertising seems to be coming along nicely and a 'night
out' is being heavily promoted for Thursday 27th July in
Lacey's Nightclub in Coleraine. The event, known as 'Hot
Nights 2', is to be attended by the whole WABC team and
certainly sounds something not to be missed. Further promos
have been heard for a special (regular?) Saturday morning
show 'direct from Scandinavia by satellite'. Conditions
permitting, we hope to be able to check this one out and
make a full report in next week's issue.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

Caroline 558: Going back to the weekend of 8th/ 9th July, there was a crew change on the Ross, with 'Coconut' and Nick Jackson arriving on board and hosting programmes on Saturday 8th July. However both came off the following day resulting in the shortened broadcast hours of 05:00 - 01:00 for Monday and Tuesday (10th / 11th), as we printed last week. Wednesday 12th saw an extension of hours to a full 24 and the line-up became..... 01:00 Chris Adams, 03:00 Max Buchanan, 05:00 Rob Harrison, 09:00 Colin Peters, 13:00 Chris Adams, 17:00 Andy Parker, 21:00 Max Buchanan, which continued throughout the week. Saturday morning (15th) saw an early close-down at 01:00, but later on it became obvious that this might have been due to a crew change as Neil Gates and Tony Kirk returned to the line-up, which for Saturday and Sunday was..... 05:00 Chris Adams, 09:00 Max Buchanan, 13:00 Neil Gates, 17:00 Andy Parker, 21:00 Tony Kirk. With the arrival of extra staff, Colin Peters returned to his Dutch colleagues, leaving a line-up this week of..... 01:00 Max Buchanan, 03:00 Chris Adams, 05:00 Rob Harrison, 09:00 Andy Parker, 13:00 Neil Gates, 17:00 Chris Adams, 21:00 Max Buchanan. With the good weather out at the South Falls Head, further essential aerial maintenance was carried out on Tuesday morning and all three frequencies closed down at 09:00, returning a little later, at approximately 11:17. The signal appeared a little down, so perhaps they are making preparations for more major work.

The expected programme from Steve Conway was not aired on Saturday, so keep listening out as Steve promised that he would be heard for this final time. The 6215kHz. outlet has been relaying Caroline 558 nightly from around 23:00 BST and the signal has been very good at our location throughout the night. It was interesting that on Sunday, a transmission was noted, on 6217kHz., putting out noise and causing reception problems in many areas. This had disappeared by Monday - any ideas? On the shortwave front, an amusing incident was heard on Sunday morning at 06:26gmt. The BBC World Service was being relayed from its shortwave outlet and the microphone was open, presumably the news studio was tuned into this for the 06:30 bulletin.

Caroline 819: The early close-downs on 558 of 10th / 11th July also meant a reduction of 50% in the rock service programmes. Rob Harrison hosted the only shows on these days. The early hours of Wednesday (12th) saw the latest in the line of silly names to appear on the service. At 01:00 Jos Stick took to the air and programmed until 04:00. Rob and Jos shared the programmes for the remainder of the week. Friday night saw a blank carrier on 819 following the end of Viewpoint. At 22:35, Rob came on and apologised for being later, as he had been in bed (he was doing breakfast on 558 at this time). Jos took over at midnight and programmed for just one hour until announced closedown at 01:00 Saturday (15th). In fact, it was not until 01:10 that it closed, as Jos explained the reason was they only had one close-down tape and he had to wait for Max Buchanan to finish with it on 558! Saturday night saw the usual break for Caroline 819, as the Dutch service was on the air, but both Rob and Jos returned on Sunday night for another week. Neil Gates made another appearance, again another rare one, on the service for just one hour, at midnight until 01:00 on Wednesday morning (19th July).

The Voice of Peace: In a report dated 3rd July, there have been further staff changes.... Monday 26th June saw Ofer Nachshon host his final show. Kenny Page later played the song 'You Won't Find Another Fool Like Me' for him and added 'for \$160 a month!' The following day the station unusually left the air overnight due to staff shortages, but returned at about 07:00 next day. Ofer left the ship after his six month stint on this day and his place was taken by Steve Richards. On Friday (30th) during Richard West's show, the tender arrived again taking Richard off. The returning Rikki Marks took over in the studio. Returning with Rikki on this tender was Paul Fraser, making this his fourth stint on the ship. The line-up on Sunday 2nd read.... 00:00 John McDonald, 03:00 Paul Fraser, 06:00 Kenny Page, 09:00 John McDonald, 11:00 Rikki Marks, 14:00 Kenny Page, 15:00 Steve Richards, 17:00 Kenny Page, 18:00 Paul Fraser, 19:30 Rikki Marks, 22:00 Steve Richards. Apparently a further D.J. has arrived from England (also called Steve) and spoke with our reporters who tell us that he may now be on board. Finally, a call from the Tel Aviv office told us that once again, a broadcast engineer was being sought. Suitable applicants may care to check out the subsequent advert(s) in 'Broadcast' and/or 'Radio and Music', or telephone direct to Tel Aviv on (from England, 010 972 3) 245560.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: A visit by a member of our team to Leeds over the weekend yielded.... Asian Community Radio on 94.6, Eastern Community Radio on 104.5, Paradise City Radio on 104.9, Rapid FM on 105.3, WYBC on 105.7 and a test tone on 99.5, all on Friday evening.

It appears as if the DTI may have been active in the South Yorkshire area last week. Sheffield Community Radio (104.9) had been on the air every day up until Monday (17th). However, the deejay at 20:00, although announcing he was on until 21:00, was cut off mid-record at 20:06. The station has not been heard since and even the contact telephone numbers are dead. At a similar time the following night, (Tuesday 18th), Radio Britannia (99.2 st.) was on the air as usual, when a van appeared in the vicinity, complete with rotating twin 8 element beams on the roof. The aerials were yellow in colour and rotating slowly. As a result of this, Radio Britannia may not be on the air next Tuesday. During his programme, Kenny Crescendo read out a letter from North Midlands Radio, who stated that the station may be testing out its overhauled transmitter on a new channel of 97.8MHz. over the coming weeks.

In West Yorkshire, Rapid FM (105.3), Paradise City Radio (104.9 st.), WYBC (105.6), Asian Community Radio (94.6 st.) and Eastern Community Radio (104.5 st.) were all logged daily over the previous week. Rapid FM put out an entertaining live broadcast from Roundhay Park in Leeds, during a carnival on Sunday afternoon. Reggae stars were

interviewed on stage and "Godfather" was at the helm. A good atmosphere was experienced and all the crew were asked back to the Chapeltown studio for 21:00. Later on Sunday, a station was heard on 105.4 at 18:00 and although no identification was noted, it was believed to be Thunder Radio. There was also a station noted later on, at 22:00, on 99.2 and announcing as Power FM and was believed to be something to do with Thunder Radio.

Nottingham: Heatwave Community Radio (105.1 st.) have been on the air 24 hours per day each week recently and were putting out a good stereo signal. Wednesday (19th) saw D.J. Scratch come on at 14:00. At 17:00 the relief D.J. did not arrive and at 20:00 there was still no replacement. As a result, D.J. Scratch was 'wilting' in the hot studio and was heard asking for someone to come in and throw a bucket of water on him. He was still noted on air at 20:20!

Birmingham: WKS (102.15) was noted as far away as Rotherham on Friday night (14th), with D.J. 'JW'. Also heard at this time was Freedom FM (102.0).

Our man in the Midlands, Neal West, tells us the following were active..... (in addition to those listed above, of course) Laser FM (92.00, last weekend), Metro FM (104.95 st. - daily), Odyssey Radio (106.1 - daily), Power House Radio (105.25 - daily, but on reduced hours), Sabotage FM (107.2 - weekends), Radio Sangam (89 / 90.00 - last weekend), Skyline Radio (from Wolverhampton on 94.2 daily), Radio Midland or Milen(?) (105.65 / 105.85 - most days), U.K. Radio (1413kHz and SW - Sunday afternoon, plus a couple of unidentified's on 87.90 and 99.- ish.

Merseyside: Radio operating conditions have been quite stable in this area this past seven days, so it appears the DTI may have got cheesed off and gone off to other areas to seek their prey. This is just as well with a much reduced column this week.

Noted 7 days have been.... Toxteth Community Radio (104.9 st.), Radio Atlantis (1197) and Kiss FM (97.19). The latter surprised us with a couple of live shows last weekend and we fully expect to hear adverts in due course, following the promos seeking same.

Saturday and Sunday saw the appearance of North Coast Radio (1350) with normal programmes. Conspicuous by their absence was Radio Merseywaves on 1242, but word reaches us that it will only be a matter of days before they re-appear. Apparently they are experiencing location problems.

Additionally heard by reporters nearer the scene were..... Mercury FM (99.2 - at odd times), CD - FM (97.7 or 100.5, or both - Saturday and Wednesday), Radio Victory (104.35 - Tuesday evening and weekends), plus several unidentified's, some of which have been noted here in Blackpool

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Strange things happen in the early hours of the morning, when traditionally dj's try and get away with things that they would not normally attempt. It should have been no great surprise, then, when in the early hours of Monday July 3, East London reggae rocker SUPREME R (94.05 st) was heard playing Frank Sinatra's 'My way' Still, retribution was exacted later in the week when the DoTI Men came and took their tx away. The DoTI Men weren't only paying Supreme attention this week, but are also believed to have gone after WLR and Crystal in the north west before heading south and taking out Rock to Rock and then going on to hit the remaining two Brixton stations, Classic CR and Lightning.. Whispers coming out of The London Lubianka suggested that they would be out taking a Sunday stroll, and in the event CRN and Future were hit in the east, while Green Apple were hit in the west, and later Fresh lost their first 98.20 tx. In the south only Tropical was affected. Neither Veronica Gold 102 or Rock FM were heard, but it is not known whether they were taken out, or were just keeping a low profile, or even if the tx's are working, after last week's abortive attempts to get on air. Of those taken out during the week, only Supreme were not around for the all important weekend. Supreme seem to be a target these days, as they had only just got back on air on Monday July 3 after having been taken out the previous week. A number of stations now seem to be reducing operations rather than the expansion, which has been the norm over the last few years. MEDINA (102.25) are quite often without an overnight service, and both GREEK CR (104.45) and TWILIGHT (91.75) appear to be just weekend services now.

CLIMAX FM who will be remembered stepped onto the 'Rock Slot' last weekend, and stepped off again pretty quick after a visit from RFL's Arnold Brainbender, turned up on Monday July 3 on 89.40. It appears that nothing spurs on a moribund organisation than someone sitting on their slot, as within a day or two Harringey's EURO JAM (89.45) made a sudden re-appearance with a block bustin' signal, after more than a month of silence. This meant that Climax moved their acid-house yet again, and Saturday saw them setting up home on 95.35, where they should remain uninterrupted as the slot has remained clear of activity for months since Britannia went out. Back at 'The Rock Slot' RADIO FREE LONDON (92.05) finally managed to struggle back on air late on Saturday evening, with supremo Nigel Grant sounding harassed by a week of tribulation. Earlier Saturday CRYSTAL R had turned up on 92.15 with a signal which promised to give RFL a problem later that day, but by the evening they had gone off again, and were not heard again until Sunday when they turned up on their more normal 92.30. Also having problems with what may have been a rogue transmitter were Future who started the week wandering around 105.45 to 105.55, then moved up to 105.75 only to be taken out on Sunday. Meanwhile rock radio was having its own moments. LONDON ROCK (97.80) although getting out a clear signal on 98.55, have decided that it is getting too crowded in that sector and have dropped down to 97:80. This may also have its problems, as both W London's Asian CR and S London's Joy R have used that slot at various times and may well decide to make a comeback at any time.

A weak signal of non stop soul was heard late on Saturday night, and Sunday was heard intermixed with the Guildford BBC R4 relay on 92.50. It turned out to be INDEPENDANT R who have made a move over to the far west of town. They were last heard with a stunning stereo signal when they put out a series of tests on 93.80 back in mid-May. It is not known why they have chosen this more crowded slot or why they changed from 93.80 which was relatively interference free. Other white soulsters '98:6' failed to make the Sunday scene as they had promised, but may have been taken out by 'The Boys in Brown Overalls' while STARPOINT FM (93.20 st) had a full and uninterrupted weekend.

Stations heard this week were:- CENTRE FORCE 88.00 - STARPOINT 88.70 - CLIMAX FM 89.40/95.35 - EURO JAM 89.45 - LONDON ARAB 89.70 - RJR 89.95 - RTR 90.25 - SUPREME 90.45 - CRN 90.70 - LIGHTNING 90.90 - TWILIGHT 91.75 - RADIO FREE LONDON 92.05 - CRYSTAL 92.30 (nominal) - INDEPENDANT 92.50 - STAR 92.95 - STARPOINT 93.20 st) - LAZER 94.05 st - CLASSIC CR 94.30 - CITY 94.50 st - REFLECTIONS 96.35 - LONDON ROCK 97.80 - STAGE 98.00 - FRESH FM 98.20 - GREEN APPLE 98.35 - Q102 101.75 st - WEST LONDON R 102.05 - MEDINA 102.25 - WIBS 102.40 - SLR 102.80 - PEOPLES 103.65 - GREEK CR 104.45 - TROPICAL 105.20 - FUTURE 105.55 (nominal)

A total of 33 stations of which 4 were in stereo.



SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 15th July 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 08:08gmt(L)

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:30gmt(L)

6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:06gmt(L)

Log for Sunday 16th July 1989:

6215.0kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO, at 08:30gmt.
6215.0kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:52gmt.
6229.8kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:02gmt(L)(C)(S)(M)(W)
6242.6kHz...TOTAL CONTROL RADIO, at 08:44gmt(L)(C)(W)
6272.5kHz...TNR - FM, at 08:58gmt(L)(C)(M)(W)
6278 kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (QSO), at 23:27gmt.
6286 kHz...Unidentified, at 22:35gmt.
6293 kHz...RADIO GLORIA (QSO), at 23:37gmt.
6299.5kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:10gmt(L)(C)(S)(M)(W)
6306.5kHz...RADIO ELECTRA INT., at 09:37gmt(L)(M)
6310.2kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:53gmt(C)(S)(M)(W)
6317.3kHz...R - FM Short Wave, at 11:09gmt(M)(W)
6319.4kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:48gmt(L)(C)(S)(M)(W)
6815.0kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00(L)(C)(S)(M)(W)
6815 kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 14:01gmt(M)
6911.5kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:42gmt(L)(C)(S)(M)(W)
7290 kHz...RADIO PACMAN INT., at 09:28gmt(L)
7362 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:27gmt(C)
7375 kHz...Unidentified, at 08:30gmt.
7440.4kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:44gmt(L)(M)
7440.4kHz...RADIO LIMIT INT., at 08:16gmt(L)
7440.4kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09:20gmt(C)(M)(W)
7440.4kHz...RADIO STARLINE INT., at 10:19gmt(C)(M)
7440.4kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 11:34gmt(C)
7489.3kHz...RADIO WIZARD INT., at 09:08gmt(C)
7489.3kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 07:46gmt(L)(C)(M)(W)

The Conditions today were very good once again and we were pleased to be rid of the noisy band which plagued last week's listening. No fade-outs were apparent and no heterodynes were noted, we were pleased to say.

The Logs in BOLD type are ours from just one location in Blackpool. Others were kindly submitted from loggers elsewhere and are marked accordingly.... Gary in Leeds (L), David in Cheshire (C), Stuart in Staffs. (S), Neal in the midlands (M), Mark in Wembley, Middlesex (W), who supplied us with more accurate loggings which we have printed just for once, for the benefit of the 'experts'.

The Signals, as a result of the good conditions, were excellent and only the individual problems of the various stations in question caused them to be less than this. Strongest here today were (in order of strength)... 6319, 6815, 6299, 6310, 6241, 6230, 7490 and 7441. Weakest were... 6307, 6273, 6911 and 7375. Few problems of splatter occurred, only 6310 managed a short spell, but certainly nothing major.

The Programmes: BRI mentioned it was their second Sunday broadcast, but it puzzled us as this was the third Sunday! They played oldies and the usual trivia. Total Control announced that it was their first anniversary, having first broadcast via the facilities of Waves, whose mailing address they still use. They went on to say that they now have their own transmitter. DeeJay, Steve Collins signed off at 09:49gmt.

It was a dramatic day for TNR, who went to great lengths to inform everyone that they had 'no option but to close' and that this was their final day of broadcasting. A final show 'Memories of TNR from 2 until 4' was advertised with Andy 'C'. The station duly continued throughout the day, no doubt until 4 o'clock, but modulation levels were so low that even at the best of the peaks, and there were several this day, it was difficult to ascertain what was going on, or actually the exact reason why they were closing down 'officially'.

Evening activity found three broadcasters, two in QSO, the third, 6286, with a tape of a 'Centre Radio afternoon show' (possibly from the midlands area?).

Orion was its usual loud and clear self, with plenty of good music, although the deeJay did mention that they too had had some earlier problems causing a late start to be made, unheard by the listener.

Electra was very weak for some reason but we did hear John Philips mention car stickers and QSL cards being available.

WMR was very strong and caused a little splatter, but what made things worse was the fact that he had some problems with the audio lead at one stage, which seemed to be suffering from a break or a dry joint. He did mention he was testing out this section however. Despite saying he was going off to await QSO-ers, good music continued for quite a long time and when Jack Russell returned to the air, he apologised for the poor modulation (it seemed good to us after the initial problems) and went on to say that he had been receiving numerous telephone calls, hence

the music. He mentioned also that he had relayed Radio Star Country (from Monaghan Town) off air earlier, although we failed to note this. He said that he had made some tests to North America in the early hours (from 00:00 until 07:00 GMT) on 15043kHz. and would await reports from there, also he asked Radio Gloria if he would be available later (around midnight) for a QSO. Both stations were subsequently heard around this time. Finally he said he had received a 'Radio Gladys' that day, on 1247kHz. 'from goodness knows where!' and wondered if anyone could throw any light on the matter (it turned out to be from Motherwell)

Stella with Jock Wilson was heard all morning, either with an extended show, or two week's tapes one after the other. There did seem a break however, mid morning, when a test tone was briefly heard. Our logger, David, said he thought that when they came back it was from a different transmitter as the frequency was slightly lower, but we later learned that this was not so.

Pacman boasted just 9 watts and gave out the following address... Postbus 103, 8120 AC Olst, The Netherlands.

RECC was one of the best today with not only a superb, rock steady signal, but with much improved audio (mentioned on air) and as usual, plenty of good music from past years and snippets of free radio news. It was only when the next deeJay followed Norman Nelson, playing '80's music, that the signal suffered from co-channel (legal or pirate?) interference. The next full free radio / DX show was mentioned as being on Sunday August 6th. Continuous music had been heard for a good while prior to the start at 10:00 GMT, which we presumed to be RECC.

Dublin was quite weak but at least the audio was very good, which was more than could be said for the MW transmissions.

7375 caused a few problems early, with legal users preventing us hearing much. Later, a short tape loop was heard, but despite hearing it a great number of times, we could barely make out what was being announced. It appeared to be 'Agadu International'. Later checks revealed nothing there at all.

Waves ran their own programmes, then relayed Limit, Jolly Roger, Starline and Luce.

Brigitte was loud, but not clear (is it ever?). In fact, the audio was awful, as it has become noted for. They mentioned 'Brigitte (pronounced with a hard 'G' and the accent on the second syllable) from Belgium' and gave out the usual address of Postbus 10, 7954 ZG Rouveen, Holland. David heard Wizard before Brigitte on this channel.

All in all, another good day, but with far fewer interesting programmes than of late. All the same, some good music and a few snippets of information (from RECC and WMR) were heard and several tapes were made, a couple even on basic radio / cassette machines (the result of good conditions!), for listening to later in the day..

Many people regularly write in about short wave listening and wonder why we get such a big log ourselves and do we use anything special. Both of us use quite old Grundig 3400 Satellits with long wires (nothing special, just the end wire of a large outdoor loop seems to work fine tuned in on the set front with its internal aerial switched out. In fact this morning, one was, for quite a spell, simply connected to the metal framework of a uPVC patio door!). Lots of time and patience is often needed, but with radio, one can always pursue another (usually more important) job. Neighbours play a great part however, as they regularly spend all their Sunday mornings using electrical appliances, the majority of which interfere with SW radio. In our cases, despite both locations being similar (set in a road of houses), one seems distinctly prone to neighbour interference, whilst the other suffers little from the problem. Just one point in passing, experience has shown that Flymo lawnmowers, Zanussi domestic appliances and Bosch drills all seem to cause little interference. We have yet to hear of a television set which could fall into this category! With conditions so good at present and likely to stay that way for quite some time, now is an ideal opportunity for any newcomer to try out short wave. One can even receive the signals on cassette radios and ghetto blasters, but the main problem with these tends to be a lack of sensitivity which makes finding the station difficult (even more so without a digital read-out) and wide bandspreads which usually result in high pitched whistles. Anyone thinking of a new inexpensive set should seriously consider the well publicised and reviewed Sangean ATS 803 (also known by many other names).

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The latest area to show dis-satisfaction with the current radio situation is the border area of Ireland. A province-wide drive to try and persuade the Home Secretary to grant a licence for an all music station for Northern Ireland is already underway. The 'Campaign For Music Radio In Ulster' is being spear-headed by the new Monaghan-based station, 'FM 100' and expected to be assisted by all the other border and N.I. pirate operators. Apparently a survey has shown that 83% of the 15 - 39 age group want a music station, whilst the IBA and Government continue to ignore their requests for this type of radio for which a demand clearly exists. Marches and rallies are expected to be organised in the province to support the cause.

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now by subscribing or 'topping up' your current subscription.

NEW ARRIVALS: One from last week, the weekly **Now Radio**,
issue 118, with 24 x A5 pages of radio news and useful
information for the radio person. Details from P.O. Box 45,
Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.... **Radiotelex**, issue 155
has 4 x A5 sides of SW logs from the past two weeks, plus
station information. RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100
Duisburg 12, West Germany.... **Freewave Magazine**, issue 181
has 24 x A5 pages (totally in the Dutch language) covering
European radio generally, including offshore. Details from
Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands..
.... **C.L.C.G. Magazin**, issue 7/89 has 22 x A4 sides, with
similar coverage to the above, but plus short wave. Totally
in German, from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg
11, West Germany.... **The Pirate Pages**, issue 6 from America,
with just two x A5 sides of pirate news from that side and
a little about signals received from this side (Weekend Music
Radio). The details are from 3007R 45th Ave., Beaver Falls,
PA 15010, U.S.A.... **Radio Brief**, issue 36 for August, one
of the old stalwarts which appears just twice a year, has
just 4 X A4 sides of offshore and London news in brief.
Write for your free copy, enclosing an SAE (or 3 x IRC's)
to 8 Skardu Road, London NW2 3ER.

TAPE OFFER: Deliberate (!) mistakes in this column are
becoming a little too regular and last week saw us mis-number
the WLUP recording. This, of course, should have read
Tape 251. This week, we take a listen to a breakfast show
on Chicago's **Magic 104** from 7th July. Tape 252 features
Tommy Edwards in the hot seat playing a selection of oldies
amongst the daily news and traffic info. Back to the U.K.
and Tape 253 gives us a chance to hear occasional station,
Z - FM from South Yorkshire. They were active last Saturday
and this recording features one of the programmes from
17:30 until 19:00. This station is one of the few left which
does not have an ethnic format. Both recordings this week
are stereo and 90 minutes in length and cost £2.00 each.

FOR SALE: Tapes available of the opening of Capital Radio
in Dublin - the first legal commercial station in Ireland.
Also recordings of every D.J. working for the station. Rodney
Neill, 54 Abercorn Park, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT63 5JW.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE.

Co. Dublin: We are delighted to note that **Radio Dublin**
(1188, 6911 and 100 FM) is once again audible on medium
wave. Right up until last weekend, it was virtually impossible
to hear the audio. However, the problem is now sorted
out and comment was made about it in 'station news' with
'Captain' Eamon Cooke, last Sunday. Little else was said,
although some plugging was given to the forthcoming 6th
Radio Dublin Marathon to be held at Santry Stadium. Eamon
wondered if it may be the last one they organise. The only
other activity reported in this area was **Premier 212** who
were on as usual last Sunday from 15:00 until 18:00, on 103.55.

Co. Louth: **Magic 103** (103.25) appear every weekend from
Saturday until Monday, inclusive, but now seem to have
very few D.J.'s. **Summertime Sounds** FM transmitter was
off the air all last weekend and it isn't known if the 1152
AM one was on air either.

Co. Donegal: **Northside Radio's** (846 AM) FM transmitter
on 98.0MHz. has not been heard for some weeks. Apparently
some crank stole it and left a note saying that he had done
it to teach the station a lesson! **Riverside Radio** (100.9),
who recently went 24 hours, have increased their transmitter
power considerably and can be heard as far away as Craigavon.
They have a Contemporary Hit Radio format and not easy
listening as we previously stated, although in fairness to
us, we cannot actually hear the station ourselves. **WABC**
(101.7) continue to be heard here in Blackpool, although
not as strong these past few days as FM conditions have
deteriorated slightly. It appears the station has introduced
a news service on the hour, but without further monitoring
we do not know if it is every hour.

Co. Monaghan: **Radio Star Country** (981) continue
uninterrupted with their stable diet of Irish and American
country music 24 hours per day, but the recent new station,
broadcasting from this county and first mentioned last week,
'**FM 100**' (100.00), seems to be the one to watch so to speak.
It is the one responsible for spearheading the 'Campaign
For Music Radio In Ulster', mentioned in our opening article
this week. Unfortunately, due to less favourable FM
conditions these past few days, it has been almost impossible
to monitor what is happening. Their 600 watt 1116kHz.
transmitter ('fed into a fancy aerial system') does not appear
to be active, so we are left in the dark, apart from callers
from the other side who tell us that as from Wednesday
last, at 19:20, the station actually went 'live' with campaign
leading light, John Friday, who now hosts the 19:00 to midnight
slot each evening. John, of course, held this spot on the
late Kiss FM station, during its rather brief life. The
American produced campaign messages, expected to be
heard any day on this station, and within a matter of days
on all the other border operations, failed to be heard and
we since learn that the actual tapes have gone missing on
the journey across the Atlantic. Steps have been taken
to get these replaced however.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

On Tuesday 1st August it will be eight years since the
m.v. Magda Maria was arrested and towed into Holland and
on Friday 4th, it will be six years since the m.v. Ross Revenge

left Santander harbour.

Caroline 558: There have been no staff changes over the past week and as a result, the weekday line-up has remained as follows.... 01:00 Tony Kirk, 05:00 Rob Harrison, 09:00 Andy Parker, 13:00 Neil Gates, 17:00 Chris Adams, 21:00 Max Buchanan. Saturday last saw the station go off for a time in the early hours. This was unexpected as Tony Kirk announced several times that he would be on until 05:00. In fact, when monitored just prior to 05:00, the Caroline theme was being played and Chris Adams signed on. Rob Harrison was cryptically heard reading out a series of numbers, presumably for the office, during his mid-morning programme. He did this a couple of times and whether this signified a problem or not, we do not know, but this has not been heard done for a long time.

Monday and Tuesday went as normal, but Wednesday saw Rob Harrison announcing that the station would be closing at 09:00 for essential maintenance. By the time the news and theme had been played the closing time had reached 09:05. It was interesting to note that on this occasion, Radio 819 did not officially close, but cut off mid-record at 09:08 suggesting that they did not know anything about it. 558 returned at 17:18 with Chris Adams and 819 at 17:27. The station ran through the night with Max Buchanan at 21:00 and Tony Kirk at 01:00. Rob Harrison was on at breakfast as normal, but strangely was heard announcing "on 558, this is Radio Earwig" !!! Does anyone know what he meant? As with the previous day, they closed just after 09:00, returning at 18:00 with Chris Adams, who in one comment mentioned towers, possibly inferring that aerial work was being carried out. The station was missing on a bandscan done here on Friday morning at 09:30 suggesting a third consecutive close-down at 09:00.

Caroline 819: Four voices have been heard on this service this past week. On Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday at midnight, Colin Ward was noted, with Rob Harrison mentioning that these were taped shows. Between 02:00 and 04:00, Jos Stick has been at the helm every night except Saturday. Rob himself has hosted the early slot from 22:00 until 00:00 each night except Friday when Neil Gates took over and, of course, Saturday when the Dutch Radio 819 continues throughout the night. Neil Gates has been hosting the midnight to 02:00 slot since Tuesday this week.

Viewpoint 819: Pastor Chuck Smith is in Britain from 15th until 29th July speaking at this year's Keswick Convention in Cumbria. He is Pastor of Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California, which is responsible for "The Word For Today" which is broadcast on Viewpoint 819 from 21:00 - 21:30. When spoken to about his church's involvement with Radio Caroline, he said that Calvary Chapel had received hundreds and hundreds of letters from listeners in the U.K. who had received a 'Spiritual Blessing' from hearing these Christian programmes. Chuck recently received a letter from the BBC who asked him whether he thought that it was proper for a church to be involved with a pirate radio station. In his reply he said that if the BBC would sell him some air time, he would cancel the contract with Caroline immediately. The BBC refused, so the Christian programmes continue on Radio Caroline. "The Word For Today" is also broadcast on legal radio stations throughout America and the Philippines.

(Our thanks to Paul Jones of London for the Viewpoint piece).

576kHz. Further to 'tests' being heard on this channel, Wednesday night saw a definite and steady big signal once again. This was heard by several listeners in the Essex area at around 22:45, disappearing shortly afterwards. Tones were also noted the following night at around 20:30 but disappeared quickly on this occasion. One reporter tells us the signals gave a full strength reading on his music centre, something that foreign signals do not normally do. The direction of the signals was not evidently apparent but one reporter thought they came from a more southerly direction than if they had been coming from the North Sea, which suggests it may well be the north African (Algerian) station messing about. We were played the tones down the telephone and can confirm they were heard and not imagined. We await and see what develops here.

The Voice of Peace: Due to a serious shortage of space, a number of the following reports have unfortunately been severely abbreviated.... First of all, a Happy Birthday for last Sunday (23rd) to our regular correspondents in Israel, Gali and Vered Kravitski.

Their last three reports tell us of the usual comings and goings on the ship. A new D.J. has been heard since 4th July and his name is Steve Lain. New staff are required (this is nothing unusual!) and a deckhand, a secretary for the office and a new cook (to replace Rahda who is leaving soon) are all being sought and promos to this effect have been noted. On Tuesday 18th July, the ship was due to up-anchor and head for the port of Ashdod to take on supplies. However, the seas were too rough (!) on this occasion and the manoeuvre was postponed until things improved somewhat. Problems relaying the news broadcasts from Kol Israel have been noted of late. The current line-up reads... 00:00 Rikki Marks, 03:00 Steve Richards, 06:00 Kenny Page, 09:00 Richard West, 12:00 Non-Stop Music, 13:00 Richard West, 14:00 Rikki Marks, 15:00 Steve Lain, 17:00 Kenny Page, 18:00 Paul Fraser, 19:30 Steve Richards, 21:00 Paul Fraser.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Ulster: With activity running high across the border, operators in this area have not been slow to follow suit and let their voices and feelings be known. **Craigavon Incremental Pirate Radio** (referred to as 'CIX 96') on 95.6 has made its presence felt not just with its signal, heard each weekend, but also with its name. It gives out an address in Bridge Street, Portadown and makes no pretence in supporting the current 'music radio for Ulster' campaign. D.J.'s noted include Nick Willis and Mike Miller, both ex Zee 103. Another operator, this time out Co. Derry, is **Moonshine 101** from Bellaghy, although little is actually known about this one.

The Midlands: Only a brief run-down here of stations heard this past week or so.... **Base Station FM** (106.0 - last Sunday), **Freedom FM** (102.0 - daily and heard as far away as Rotherham), **Laser FM** (92.0 - daily), **Laser 98** (97.92 - Sunday, coming from Stoke on Trent), **Metro FM** (104.95 - daily), **Odyssey Radio** (105.88/106.10 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but not since), **Power House Radio** (105.25 daily), **Sabotage FM** (107.2 - Friday and Saturday last), **Radio Sangam** (Asian, 89.90 - weekends), **Skyline Radio** (from Wolverhampton, on 94.20 - daily), the unidentified (Midland/Milen on 105.45/105.75 - daily), **U.K. Radio** (1413 and 99.30, probably via Centre Radio on Sunday) and **WKS** (resumed broadcasting on Sunday on 102.25 after several days off air).

A new station joined the fray on Friday last (21st), calling itself **Crucial FM** (103.5). Tests were heard on this day from 21:00 until about 22:30, followed by full programmes the following day from 11:00. The station has a 7 day / 24 hour format over the weekends, but only from afternoon until the early hours of the morning in the week. A blank carrier is evident when they are not programming.

Merseyside: The weekend activity naturally included the seven day-ers, **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9), **Radio Atlantis** (1197) and **Kiss FM** (97.1), who were joined by just **North Coast Radio** (1350) from around lunchtime on Saturday. All four were in action from an early hour on Sunday, but we failed to note any other operators at all. NCR made mention of a burglary, but it appears that the station clock and aerial were the main things stolen. Once again, Kiss had live shows from 14:00 on Sunday, with Mark Wright and Andy Scott and even featured a phone-in on Mark's show. Plenty of callers were noted.

Monday morning surprised us with the absence of Kiss FM from the airwaves. It has become quite a regular at this location of late. No reason is known for the absence, although change of location is possible, in their never ending campaign against the dreaded DTL. Conditions also, may have been the reason but we doubted this, as stereo returned to the signal on us hearing it on Tuesday.

Atlantis now tell us they broadcast from 10:00 until 03:00 daily and with just two deejays, we find this amazing. Obviously, some taped shows will be repeated, but even so, a fine achievement especially in view of the fact that advertising is also handled by the same two.

Mercury FM was heard on Sunday afternoon last, again in the evening and on Wednesday evening, on 99.2. **CD - FM** was heard on Friday (21st) on two frequencies, 97.7 and 100.0, with presented shows. **T.F.M.** was noted on Sunday evening at 22:20 on 105.6, with various D.J.'s. A phone-in was mentioned to take place at around 01:00 the following morning. An unidentified transmission on 100.3, usually relaying BBC Radio 2 with low modulation, is being reported from a wide area, including here in Blackpool. We thought it may have been coming from the Dublin direction, but are not sure. Another mystery now and several reports

mention transmissions on or around 88MHz. We are unable to note anything, but on two consecutive Thursdays now, it has been reported as being active. Apparently on the latter day, amidst Level 42 music, the following was heard... **Radio Ormskirk**, a new service for West Lancashire... from 1st October, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week... stayed tuned for continuous music tests. Several unidentified signals have been reported additionally, including one on Thursday afternoon, on 105.7MHz.

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: In Bradford, another new station began broadcasting last week, called **Asian Paradise Radio**. This is an off-shoot of the 24 hour station **Paradise City Radio** (104.9 st.) and was born out of the nightly two hour Asian programme on this station. Since ACR and ECR began broadcasting, PCR has lost out on listeners and advertisers, hence the new station which broadcasts on 105.5 between 07:00 and 23:00, is an attempt to combat this. **Asian Community Radio** (94.6 st.), **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5 st.) and P.C.R. have all broadcast daily.

Across in Leeds, both **Rapid FM** (105.3) and **WYBC** (105.65) have both operated daily. WYBC have come up with yet another amusing Bill Mitchell promo.... 'WYBC, turned off by dummies and listened to by the intelligent'

Z - FM made a rare appearance last weekend in south Yorkshire. They were first heard at 16:00 on Saturday 20th July on 99.7 in stereo. The presenter announced that they were using 20 watts. Programmes were noted for a while, but then continuous music was played until 23:00. The transmitter was again noted with continuous music tapes on Sunday morning between 10:00 and 12:00. It was mentioned last week that we thought that S.C.R. had been raided. After further investigation, it appears that the same van with aerials which appeared near the Radio Britannia site last Tuesday, had also been seen near S.C.R. the previous Monday. Hence the station left the air quickly. **Sheffield Community Radio** (105.05) returned at 10:00 on Saturday 20th, using the same transmitter. Problems have been occurring since with late starts each evening this week. Announcements stated that by Thursday they hoped to be back to normal.

Nottingham: All things are well in the area with **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1 st.) operating 24 hours per day, all week.

LONDON SURVEY - 10th - 16th July 1989:

We thought we may be able to catch up in the London saga last week, but further delayed mail from the capital prevented us doing this.

A lot of DoTI Man activity this week, which even prompted the returned **VERONICA 102 GOLD** service supremo Gary Stevens to throw caution to the wind and throw down the gauntlet by dedicating Eighth Wonder's 'I'm Not Scared' hit to the hit men from Waterloo House. An eventful week with a number of stations suffering from official interference. Monday saw **LONDON ARAB** (89.70) and **ROCK TO ROCK** (90.20) go out. **TWILIGHT** (91.75) were also taken out Monday and have not been heard since. **RTR** were back very quickly, while **LA** took until Saturday to re-launch with a messy transmitter which was sending spurious signals all over the band. Tuesday saw **RUSH** (106.20) taken out within a few hours of their Monday debut in this slot. This was unsurprising as the frantic and frustrated voices of North Thames Gas Board officials could be heard in between the yelps of hip-hop and soul. Mid-week saw **WLR** (102.05), **SUNRISE** (88.70), **CRYSTAL** (92.35) and **FRESH** (98.20) all taken out. Only **WLR** (101.95) and **SUNRISE** (88.75) were to be back for the weekend. Fresh had only just made a quick return on Tuesday morning from the previous Sunday's bust and such a quick re-visit from the Soul Destroyers may be causing them problems in getting a new transmitter in place. Saturday saw **LIGHTNING** (90.90) and **CLIMAX** (95.35) go out and there was no rock and roll appearance from West London's Radio Free London or North London's London Rock. **GREEK C.R.** (104.45) lost an evening's transmission on Saturday as did the returned East Londoners, **CRN** (90.65) on Sunday, presumably for technical reasons. **Q 102** didn't make an appearance and are now presumed to have been taken out on Saturday 8th July.

This was the week when the London Wide franchises were announced from the IBA. The FM winners are London Jazz Radio who will cover the whole spectrum of jazz and will presumably encroach on much of the territory that the Privateers have had all to themselves for the last few years. The AM winners are Spectrum Radio who will be a multi-ethnic

station who will be streaming programmes in a number of European languages as well as Asian and Oriental. Amongst the losers were Kiss FM, London Rock Radio, and London Wide Radio (LWR). It may then have been a fit of pique that caused someone in S.E. London to start up a transmitter in the early hours of Saturday morning and put out a tape loop of LWR jingles, inserts, promos and music. The signal was far from London-wide and was in fact more like London South East Wide Radio. They may not wish to be known as London SEWR in future. But was it really Zak, Wayne, Fuzzy D and all the friendly faces of LWR behind this? A number of tapes have been run in this slot under the pseudonym of LPSS - London's Premier Soul Station which was an LWR slogan (see past WR's). LWR are alleged to have dismantled all the gear months ago and abandoned the site for the use of others, when they went in search of legality. It could be that they are flexing their muscles before making a grand return to the London airwaves, or just letting everybody know that sooner or later they will reclaim that important 92.05 slot. It is also possible that the reason they may not have been heard for more than a few hours is that they received a visit from the Boys in Brown Overalls, just for old times sake of course.

VERONICA GOLD (101.75 st.) may be in for some unaccustomed competition in the Oldie stakes. On Sunday, a weak, low quality signal was heard pumping out a '70's oldies tape loop for several hours during the early evening on 105.40. The competition for Veronica may well be minimal, as the Veronica signal is top quality stereo and it is not thought that anyone would really want to own up to the signal being put out on 105.4!

Finally it was the week when a specially conducted survey for the IBA found that 1% of the population listened to Privateer Radio (another 1% admitted listening to Caroline). Looking at London, with a population of 9.5 million, it would mean that about 100,000 people are regular Privateer listeners. There are currently about 25 x 7 day-ers at the moment, which means that each station must average about 5000 listeners, although some claim many more. This may have to be modified somewhat, as the ethnic minorities' stations seem to be universally known and listened to by the entire Greek, Asian and Arab populations.

Hear this week were.... **CENTRE FORCE** (88.30), **SUNRISE** (88.75), **EUROJAM** (89.45), **LONDON ARAB** (89.70), **RJR** (89.95), **RTR** (90.25), **SUPREME** (90.45), **CRN** (90.65), **LIGHTNING** (90.90), **ROCK FM** (92.05), **LWR** (92.05), **CRYSTAL** (92.30), **STAR** (92.95), **STARPOINT** (92.20 st.), **LAZER** (94.05 st.), **CLASSIC C.R.** (94.30), **CITY** (94.50 st.), **CLIMAX** (95.35), **REFLECTIONS** (96.95), **STAGE** (98.00), **FRESH** (98.20), **VERONICA 102** (101.75 st.), **WLR** (101.95), **MEDINA** (102.25), **WIBS** (102.45), **SLR** (102.80), **PEOPLES** (103.65), **GCR** (104.45), '70's Pop Tape Loop (105.40), **FUTURE** (105.55), **RNI** (105.60 st.) and **RUSH** (106.20). A total of 33 stations logged, with 6 of them in stereo. Of those mentioned, Crystal Classic, Fresh, Future, RNI and Rush were not heard at the weekend.

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SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

A couple of address queries first.... Michael Andersson thinks the Radio Karibu address could be (different from the one printed previously)..... P.O. Box 82, Jyvaskyla, Finland, although in fairness points out that so far he has not had a reply from here. Also we seem to be unable to find an address for Electra International, although feel sure we must have one. Any ideas?

We received the WFRL Magazine from Andy Walker this week, as advertised on his radio shows. Everyone who writes in to the station gets a copy of this QSL magazine free of charge, which really is a good idea. In it are details of the station, the voices and much more including photos. The station address remains P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. Andy tells us that the second Sunday of the month broadcast on 13th August will feature an M.O.A. Special between 11:00 and 12:00 GMT when recordings from the day itself (14th August 1967) will be played. In the hour before this, the top 20 from that week will also be played. Something to look forward to.

Good news now from FRS Holland, who tell us that with immediate effect, they have a new mailing address.... it is **FRSH, Postbus 2727, 6049 ZG Herten, The Netherlands**. They ask that listeners no longer use the Dedemsvaart address, but add that any mail which may have been sent via that mail - drop will eventually arrive. As regards the next 'FRS Goes DX' short wave programme, it now looks likely to be after August before they are heard again (possibly September or even October). This is because they are working on a complete new presentation (schedules, jingles and ideas). They apologise for their absence but tell us it will be worth it when they eventually return.

Amendments to last week's Sunday (16th) log from Radiotelex Additionally... 6270, Radio Pluto, at 11:18gmt.... 7370, Radio Meteor, at 08:15gmt.

Log for Saturday 22nd July 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:17gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 23:45gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:26gmt.
6266kHz...Unidentified, at 12:00gmt(W)
6276kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:19gmt.
6298kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:21gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 06:30gmt.
7489kHz...RADIO WIZARD / BRIGITTE, at 10:42gmt.
7491kHz...VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, at 10:26gmt.

Log for Sunday 23rd July 1989:

6204 kHz...Unidentified, at 11:39gmt.
6204.6kHz...'R. EUROPE FROM THE NETHERLANDS', at 10:25(W)
6205.0kHz...Unidentified, at 10:30gmt(W)
6205.8kHz...RADIO ORANG UTAN, at 07:09(M)(S)(N)(W)(R)(S²)
6215 kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 02:38gmt.
6215 kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:30gmt.
6226.0kHz...RADIO VANESSA, at 07:58gmt(M)(S)(W)(R)
6228.9kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:54gmt(M)(S)(W)(R)
6229.9kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 11:03gmt(M)(S)(W)(R)(S²)
6238.7kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:23gmt(M)(S)(N)(W)(R)
6240 kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:30gmt(M)(S)
6272.4kHz...TNR - FM, at 08:21gmt(M)(S)(W)(R)
6297.8kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:25gmt(M)(S)(W)(R)(S²)
6306.5kHz...ELECTRA INTERNATIONAL, at 11:50gmt(W)
6310.5kHz...RADIO TOWER, at 08:50gmt(W)(R)
6311 kHz...Unidentified, at 08:02gmt.
6315.0kHz...Unidentified, at 09:39gmt(W)
6319.7kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:11gmt(M)(S)(N)(W)(R)
6319.7kHz...Old tape of Kiss FM, at 09:29gmt(R)
6319.7kHz...Old tape of WABC, at 10:35gmt(R)
6815.0kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00(M)(S)(N)(W)(R)(S²)
6820 kHz...OZONE RADIO INT, at 10:42gmt(M)
6875 kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:56gmt.
6911.6kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:36gmt(M)(S)(N)(W)(R)(S²)
7280 kHz...Unidentified, at 09:15gmt.
7290 kHz...RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND, at 08:29gmt(N)
7290 kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 09:18gmt(N)(S²)

The Conditions today were good yet again, despite the rather noisy band noted at times. No fading was noticed and only one heterodyne (around 6227) was detected, although a severe hum was heard around 7280 at one stage. The skip seemed a bit longer than of late and even a clandestine from Central America was noted mid-morning (on 7380 - Camillo del Fuegos?).

The Logs in BOLD typeface are ours from two locations in Blackpool. Others were kindly supplied by loggers in other areas and are accordingly marked.... Neal in the midlands (M), Stuart in Staffs. (S), David in Norwich (N), Mark in Wembley (W), Ken in Rotherham (R) and Steve in Surrey (S²).

The Signals were strong in most cases and few problems were encountered regarding identifying stations, (usually lack of time available to stay with the station in question). The strongest by far was again 6205, but 6319, 6298 and 6911 were not far behind. The weakest were 6204 and 6311.

The Programmes: We failed to identify 6204 who came on after Orang Utan closed down, due to finding more enjoyment listening elsewhere at that time, although Mark heard a couple of (Dutch?) operators calling CQ, as they have done on previous occasions around this area of the band.

Orang Utan's signal was massive and again splattered WMR at times. Golden oldies were featured and the station signed off at 10:04. He returned asking for a QSO with Tonair, which he said had been on.

Vannesa was in German and English and gave out the usual Wuppertal address. They left the air suddenly at 08:40.

Jolly Roger seemed to come on air later than usual and it isn't thought that they caused the heterodyne (with Vanessa) noted.

Gemini were heard with old Laser tapes, jingles and a Monty Python sketch. They gave out their usual Hemel Hempstead address and announced 6230.

We weren't surprised to hear TNR - FM, despite last week's dramatic close-down, bits of which we are sure they played again! This time they promoted their N.I. short wave relay service.

Electra International were heard with their best signal yet in Wembley (we could not even hear them here!), but again they failed to announce an address, although did give us a good plug. Occasional short breaks in transmission were noted.

We miserably failed to I.D. 6311, despite being very clear at times. Every time we seemed to tune their way, they had just I.D.'ed. Mark tells us it was Radio Tower, but heard no address and wondered if it was the same operator as 6240, since they said they were coming from Germany. Ken said he heard Titanic and California both mentioned though the signal was very weak and had gone by 10:24.

Stella with Jock Wilson and Cyder had a normal length show today and this was followed by a series of old tapes. Strangely, both D.J.'s announced 7430 transmissions only.

East Coast Commercial was the only station with any information (heard mid-morning) today. They advertised a full DX show for 6th August when they hope to be on 11515 additionally.

Ozone made his second broadcast and said he may be on again next week.

Falcon had some DX news and music, but closed down with Roger Daltrey's 'I'm Free', at 08:00. Whatever time do they commence?

Dublin's audio was very good again and of this we were pleased, as MW was still poor.

East Coast Holland gave out the Hoogeveen address. Mirage was later noted.

A clandestine from Central America was identified on 7380 but there was no trace of the French operators in that region or even further up the band, in fact, little was heard on 7MHz. on this day.

Not a bad day, there have been (and no doubt will be) many worse. Lack of interesting programmes was noticeable though. However it is nice to know that when you switch on you will hear the stations, unlike the low cycle in the mid eighties when very often nothing at all could be heard.

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